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Judge rules in favor of new trial for Tironi

► Juror failed to disclose pertinent information during jury selection

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A decision was handed down on Monday, March 18 by 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy to call a mistrial in the criminal sexual conduct case of a former Grayling teen center owner.

Michael Tironi, now age 40, was found guilty by a jury in late November 2001 on one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct and additional counts of providing alcohol to minors stemming from an incident involving an 18-year old man, which occurred in late July 2000 at his home near the Crawford/Kalkaska County lines. Tironi faces up to 10 years in prison on the criminal sexual conduct charge.

A motion was made by the defense for a mistrial in late January when the sentencing or penalty phase began. It was discovered that one of the jurors had not disclosed a personal experience that may have dismissed him from serving.

"Michigan law mandates certain questioning during jury selection. Judge Murphy's decision was made on the premise that, when asked the

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Whirlpool Road property owners to share paving costs equally

► Project to pave troublesome road will begin during 2002 paving season

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

No opposition was heard by the Grayling Township Board at a March 13 public hearing regarding the proposed paving of Whirlpool Road. About a dozen area property owners attended.

Township Supervisor Terry Wright said the Board of Trustees listened to suggestions made by the property owners included in the special assessment district and came to the decision to split the cost equally among them.

The total cost of the paving project is estimated at \$158,000. Grayling Township has agreed to pay \$35,000 of the tab and Wright said the Crawford County Road Commission has agreed to match that amount. The balance will be paid for over the course of five years by property owners on their

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Everyone's a winner with new library



A March 15 ribbon cutting ceremony marked the opening of the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. With help from Library Director Edward Elsner (left) and teacher/councilman Jerry Hayes, bookmark contest winner Brianna Farrell cut the ribbon, allowing more than 200 patrons into the new building. (Left) Contest winner Angela Rouston checks out a book with the help of library staffer Mary Kay Hinkle.

Photos by Cheryll Ruley

City halves its income tax

► Tax cut, from 1% to 1/2%, will be effective retroactive to January 1, 2002

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council voted 3-1 last Monday to decrease the city's income tax from one percent to 1/2 percent, effective January 1, 2002.

The city's income tax was established many years ago through a referendum (vote of the people). The tax was created for the express purpose of collecting money to pay for city road construction and road repair, and the city cannot legally spend money from the income tax fund on anything else.

The city has accumulated over a million dollars in the income tax fund, much more than the city needs, some city officials have said, especially since the city has already completed most of its planned road and sidewalk projects.

For several months, council members have discussed the possibility of modifying the income tax in some manner. The options most seriously considered have been: cutting the tax, restructuring the tax fund so money in it could be used for projects other than roads, and eliminating the tax altogether.

Since the tax was instated through a referendum for a specific purpose, the city would need another vote of the people to change the purpose.

The council can cut the tax, but cannot raise it back up again with-

out going back to the people for a vote, city officials have said.

Council members asked City Manager Allen Lowe and City Engineer Leonard Graf to estimate how much income tax money the city needs to collect in order to just maintain what roads and sidewalks the city currently has in place.

At the council's February 25 meeting, Lowe provided council members with Graf's report, noting that the numbers indicated the city could get by collecting 1/2 percent income tax.

The council discussed the matter further on March 11.

"If we are to the point where the streets are built and the sidewalks are built, we should cut (the income tax)," said Councilman Brian Banda. "If we are collecting a tax from people that we don't need or can't utilize, that doesn't make sense. There's no sense generating revenue we can't use."

Councilman Roger Moshier spoke in favor of keeping the tax in place but broadening its use to include things other than streets and sidewalks.

Some council members have been wary of the expansion possibility since putting it to a vote could end up in a defeat, which could result in the city losing its income tax altogether.

Lowe said the city does not need to continue collecting one percent, but added, "One thing we wouldn't want is to lose (the income tax). We have some of the nicest streets around because of it."

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DESSERT CONCERT HELPS CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Photo by Linda Golnick

Before the "Music of the Isles" concert by the Encore Society began on St. Patrick's Day, patrons enjoyed desserts and were entertained by Mr. Green Hair the clown who performed card tricks and magic tricks to the delight of all. The concert, held in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, is one of many events brought to the community by the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program and its director, R.J. Hannan.

Is first robin sighted really the 'first robin'?

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Avalanche staff has already received a few notifications this year regarding the sighting of the first robin to return to Grayling. One call was received as early as mid-January; the most recent on March 18.

It has become a sort of competition over the years to be named the first person to report a robin in the county, but is each sighting really a sign of active or early migration to the north?

A search of the Internet found some interesting information.

The American robin -- or scientifically, the "Turdus migratorius" -- is said to be a short distance migratory bird. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the robin has a diet of mostly fruits, as well as some insects and worms, so it will travel just as far as it takes to satisfy its dietary needs. If provided with adequate housing and proper diet, a few of the birds may brave the winter each year in northern Michigan -- never leaving for warmer climates.

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VFW sponsors creation of Safety Town

► VFW looks for help from local law enforcement and service groups

Safety Town, comprehensive education program that introduces safety awareness and preventive procedures to pre-school children, will become a reality in Grayling this summer.

Using information and materials provided by parent organization, National Safety Town Center, Tim Coe presented the idea of Safety Town to members of the V.F.W. Carl W. Borchers Post #3736. The group voted unanimously to sponsor and coordinate the creation of a local Safety Town complex on donated land near Madsen and Mary Ann Streets. A new post building is also in the works.

"We are delighted to become involved and sponsor Safety Town for the children of our community," said Post Commander Bill Holborn. "We look forward to working with Tim and National Safety Town Center in establishing this accident prevention program."

Safety Town curriculum includes all aspects of safety: strangers, poisons, fire, matches, bicycles, rail-

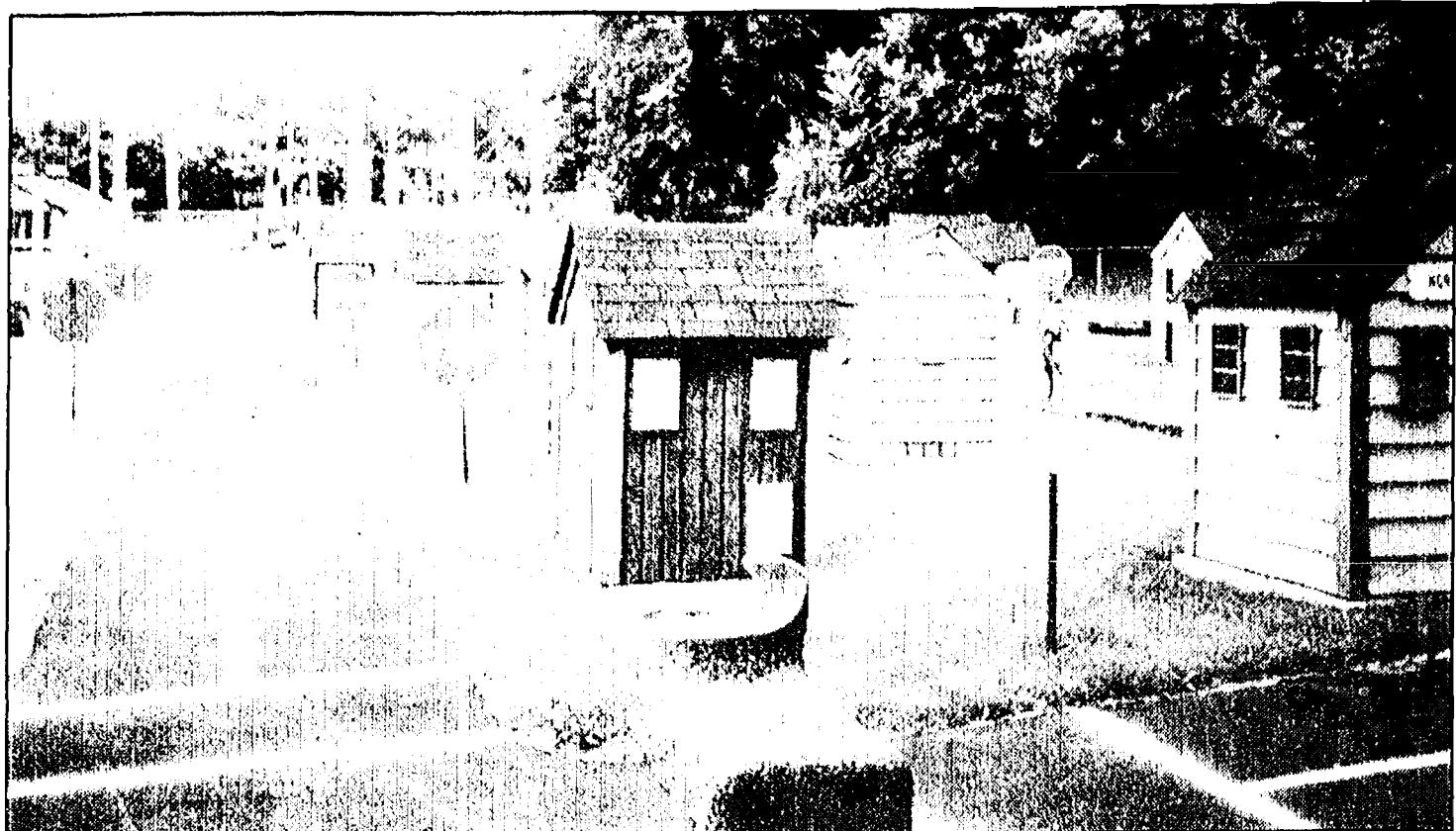


Photo courtesy of Tim Coe

The V.F.W. Carl W. Borchers Post #3736 is in the process of organizing the creation of a Safety Town in Grayling, similar to this one in the city of St. Charles. Safety Town is a proven national program for preschool children that teaches all aspects of safety. The V.F.W. is looking for help from the community to make this project successful.

road crossings, bus, playgrounds, toys, water, traffic, child safety seats, animals and more. During the 20-hour course, children learn through their involvement under the guidance of a teacher and uniformed personnel.

The program consists of an

indoor classroom where children observe and participate in safety activities and an outdoor layout consisting of a miniature town -- complete with houses, sidewalks, crosswalks, street markings and railroad crossings -- where children practice and experience simulated situations.

Commander Holborn said this will be a true combined service project for the whole community.

A community meet is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Along with police, fire, EMT's, school officials and others,

any interested adult who would like more information or to volunteer are invited to attend this meeting.

Crawford County Undersheriff Shawn Krayes said his department is always interested in youth programs and plans to play an active role in the Safety Town program.

"I feel this will be a tremendous asset to our community and look forward to Safety Town becoming a reality in Crawford County with the guidance and direction of National Safety Town Center," Coe said.

For more information or to register for the meeting, call Coe at 348-8653.

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same questions. Other jurors revealed any past personal experiences in similar cases as the one to be tried. Jurors are questioned during the selection process while under oath and the law requires full disclosure.

Because certain information was not disclosed, the judge ruled both the defense and prosecution were denied the privilege of questioning the jurors in a proper manner.

Judge Murphy also referred to a very similar case published just last month by the Michigan Court of Appeals where that court granted the defendant a new trial and used prior to the first trial.

Tironi remains lodged in the Kalkaska County Jail while awaiting the new trial.

City halves its income tax

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Councilman Jerry Hayes moved to cut the city's income tax collection to 1/2 percent with a retroactive date of January 1, 2002. "We don't need to be taking money from people if we don't need it," Hayes said.

Banda provided a second to the motion, and the proposal passed 3-1, with Mayor Dave Wyman voting "no."

Clarification

The Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary Schools' Art Exhibition held on March 9 was coordinated by the Art Fair Committee of Pam Williams, Dawn Feldhauser and Suzanne Williams, with help from local artist, Dean Worden, and other volunteers including the "Door Prize Patrol."

The staff of the Avalanche apologizes for any confusion resulting from the caption under the art show picture appearing in the March 14 edition of our newspaper.

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New pipeline may help stabilize gasoline prices in Crawford County

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

According to Tom Shields of the Wolverine Pipeline Company, a proposed new 12-inch gasoline pipeline from Stockbridge, in southeastern Michigan to Lansing, should help stabilize gasoline prices in Crawford County. The new pipeline would replace the existing 65-year-old, eight-inch pipeline.

Shields said one cause for local gasoline price spikes is the lack of fuel that can be delivered to the storage terminals in Lansing and Bay City. When demand for gasoline spikes, such as on a holiday weekend, if the terminal does not have an adequate supply of gasoline the price goes up at the terminal raising prices local station owners must pay.

Trucks from Crawford County sent down to bring back gasoline return with only a partial load for which they have paid more than expected or they return empty. In either case, the price of gasoline at the pump increases.

The larger pipeline will allow

more than twice as much gasoline to be delivered from the refineries in the Chicago area to Lansing in the same amount of time. Therefore the price of gasoline at the terminal should stabilize and the price the gasoline stations must pay should stabilize and the price at the pump should not spike during weekends.

Local residents may remember the price jumps in the summer of 2000 when supplies were very tight due to the broken pipeline from Chicago.

One major problem with the old pipeline is that people have been allowed to buy property the pipeline runs through and it has been disrupted by a backhoe or auger when property owners started a project. The proposed pipeline will run along the I-96 right-of-way.

The decision on the new pipeline is expected from the Michigan Public Service Commission in early May. The company is "cautiously optimistic" that the pipeline will be approved.

GMS dinner theater event set for this weekend

Grayling Middle School will present a dinner theater event featuring "The Connecticut Yankee" on Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, at AuSable Primary's cafeteria.

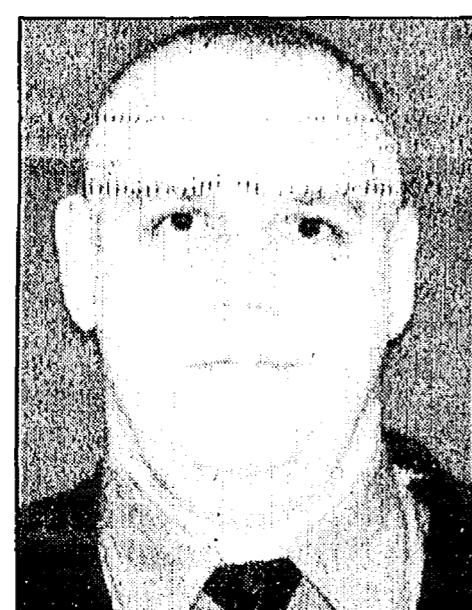
The event will include the play,

which involves a young Yankee boy traveling back in time to the era of King Arthur's Court, and a meal of baked chicken, mashed red potatoes, fresh rolls, and dessert.

Tickets are \$8/adult and \$5/child and can be purchased at Riverland.

Roscommon resident named Correction Officer of the Year

► McComb places in top five for state Correction Officer of the Year



Patrick D. McComb
2002 Correction Officer of the Year

model to both staff and prisoners."

Besides his duties as Resident Unit Officer (RUE), Officer McComb has taken on the responsibilities of the facility's Security Threat Group or "STG" Coordinator, monitoring the prison gangs within the facility by identifying, screening and documenting those involved.

McComb was also cited for his community service with 4-H, travel basketball, Little League baseball and girls' softball, and the Girl Scouts. To increase public awareness, he has also conducted seminars on gang-related issues to local churches and law enforcement personnel, along with being a positive role

Letter to the community of Grayling:

Thank you! WOW...THANK YOU! Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of the wonderful people of Grayling. My home burned down on Thursday, March 7, 2002, and the response from our community has been so wonderful! I wouldn't want to live anywhere else in this world! Thank you for the cards, the phone calls, the flowers, the clothes and gifts. I am so thankful to all of you who have remembered us in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Connie Winans and sons Kyle and Ryan

Fred Bear Museum looking for new home

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The approximately 8,000 square foot Fred Bear Museum in Gainesville, Florida is for sale.

The North American Archery Group, owner of the museum, has been looking for over a year for a group to purchase the museum and put it in a bigger and better venue where it can be appreciated by more people.

According to Craig Dougherty, vice chair of the North American Archery Group, they do not feel the museum is well represented in Gainesville.

Dougherty said the company is currently in "serious discussion" with several groups who are interested in acquiring the museum.

There has been some interest locally in bringing the museum back to Grayling, where many people feel it belongs. Tim Zigila, President of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, said it would be a nice addition to the area and people still come to Grayling looking for the museum.

However, the price tag of the museum, in the millions of dollars, and the lack of a facility to house it, are major drawbacks to the plan.

Seasonal weight restrictions imposed

The Michigan Department of Transportation is implementing weight restrictions to help ensure pavement life during the current thaw effective at 8 a.m. Friday, March 15.

Weight restrictions will be imposed and enforced on all state trunklines in the designated areas in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

The weight restrictions follow a line from US-10 north to the Mackinac Bridge in the Lower Peninsula, and a line from south of US-2 in Iron Mountain east to M-77, then all highways east of M-77 in the Upper Peninsula.

There are no restrictions for legal loads on those trunklines

designated as "all season," which are the vast majority of state highways.

Extended permits will be valid for oversized loads only within the restricted area. Permits will not be issued for any loads exceeding 14 feet in width on the restricted routes.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 1-800-787-8960, or access MDOT's Web site at: www.mdot.state.mi.us/alerts/active_bulletins.cfm?bulletin=weight.

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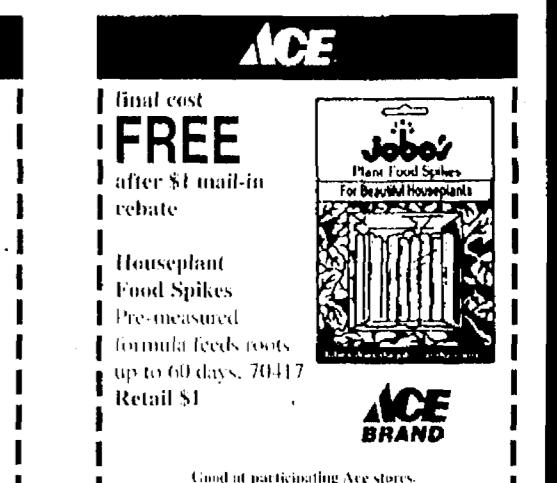


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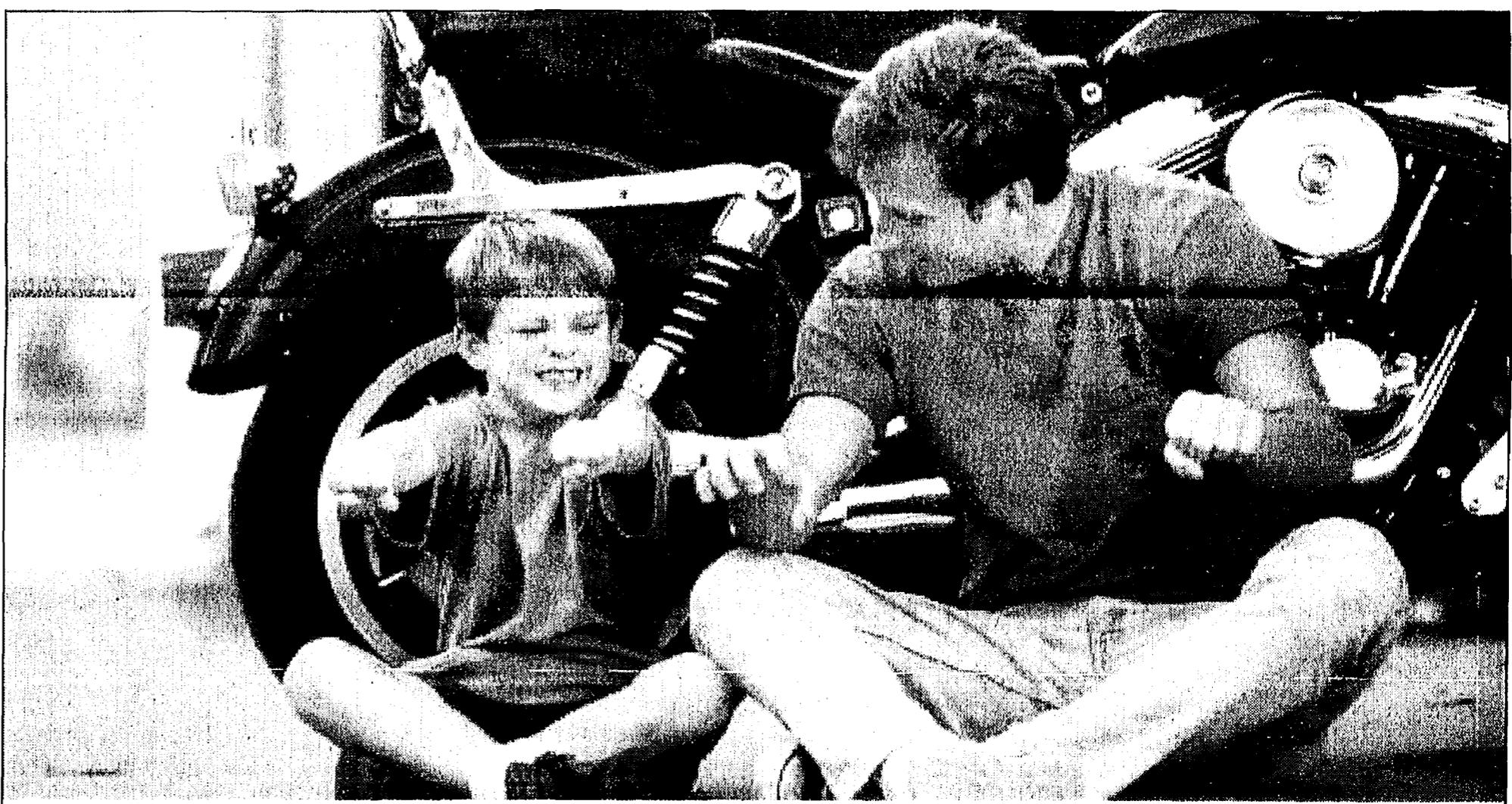
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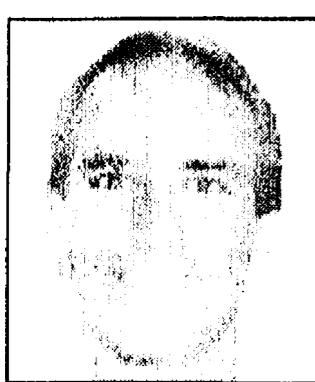
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Task force takes on rats, sleigh bells, hair-dos

Did you know that it is illegal in Michigan for a woman to cut her hair without her husband's permission?

Did you know that a burglar who gets hurt in your home can file suit against you?

Did you know that you can't use the Star Spangled Banner as a dance tune or an exit march?

That's why you read the newspaper -- to learn things.

These are among the 40-plus laws and regulations that are still on the books here in Michigan, but whose time is coming. A Senate committee has been working since 1999 to rid our state of outdated and obsolete laws.

Chair of the Senate Law Revision Task Forces is Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia. He has two other Senators helping him cut the fat from the books.

Phase One of their program has only

taken three years. So far, more than 60 Michigan laws have been repealed.

McCotter and his crew are after outdated, irrelevant, unnecessary and unenforced laws, promising these rules "will not see another century." Most are non-partisan in nature. No one argues against their elimination.

Then again, most haven't been enforced in over 30 years.

Since 1999, the committee has decided, among other things, that Michiganders do not need:

- Our state to set rules for basket weaving;

- A misdemeanor crime for taunting a former convict or jail inmate;

- A requirement that all sleighs have sleighbells;

- A law that makes seizing a locomotive with a mail or express car attached a felony;

or

- Each township to appoint a "fence viewer" to settle property disputes.

These are only some of the laws that were on our books that have been thrown out.

Do you know who your appointed township fence viewer was? Up until last year, your township was required by law to appoint one. Did they? Highly doubtful.

According to a *Lansing State Journal* story on McCotter and his efforts, no one has robbed a train in Michigan in at least a generation. So why keep the law?

The efforts that got McCotter thinking about revising the law books in the first place was the 1999 "Case of the Cursing Canoeist." Remember him? Timothy Boomer took a spring plunge in the icy waters of the Rifle River when his canoe flipped. He responded with a string of frozen profanity, and was charged and con-

victed of using profanity in front of women and children, a violation of a law that went on the books in 1897.

His conviction remains on appeal.

The legislature will leave the "cursing" statute on the books, but the incident got McCotter thinking.

The result is his Revision Task Force.

So far, he has eliminated the 10 cent per head bounty on rats, eliminated the ban on walk-a-thons, and made it legal again to use ex-presidents to sell beer.

Some, including McCotter -- who admits he sometimes snickers while he works -- view this as an exercise in fairness.

"By keeping these laws in the books and not enforcing them, we are sending a message that one law is more valid than another. It leaves it up to prosecutors to decide which laws to enforce," and that's not right by the Senator.

So back to the grindstone goes the task force, looking for more good deeds to add to its list.

It has already eliminated the need for dueling to be illegal in our state, since shooting and killing are covered elsewhere in our law books. Falsely selling train tickets is covered elsewhere, too.

And thanks to the committee, it is no longer illegal to publish stories of bloodshed, lust or crime.

Ah, our full-time Michigan legislature. What would we do without them?

Dirk Milliman is president of Milliman Communications Inc. He is filling in for his father, who is vacationing and will return soon.

VIEWPOINT

by Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland)

Great Lakes Basin must be protected

Safeguarding our Great Lakes is imperative for ensuring Michigan's future. Our residents depend upon this precious resource to live, work and play, and therefore, we must make sure that they are clean, safe and protected.

That is why I introduced a resolution before Congress recently that packages several legislative initiatives that will help to protect the Great Lakes. The resolution serves as a notice. More attention must be paid to the problems facing the largest freshwater system on earth.

The Great Lakes are confronting a wide array of environmental battles. Invasive species are choking Great Lakes fish and aquatic plants; contaminated sediments are a direct

source of toxic pollution; untreated sewage continues to flow into the Basin; and offshore drilling pose serious concerns to preserving the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem. For this reason, I have assembled top legislative action items that protect the Great Lakes, its interconnected streams, smaller lakes, aquifers, and valuable wetlands areas.

The resolution contains measures introduced by members of Michigan's congressional delegation, including: remediation of contaminated sediments that focus on Michigan's Areas of Concern; prohibition of offshore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas; reaffirming that decisions over bulk

exports of Great Lakes water or other significant water diversions is the authority of Great Lakes Governors and Canadian Premiers of Ontario and Quebec; tough new regulations on the introduction of non-native aquatic species; and increasing funding for sewer overflow control programs.

Early this year, members of the Michigan State Senate formed a task force and united behind a plan to protect the Great Lakes. Their plan came up with over 60 recommendations for guarding the Great Lakes against pollutants and harmful activities.

Like them, I believe it is important for state and local governments to engage in protecting and conserv-

ing this critical natural resource. But I also feel that the United States Congress has an important role to play in achieving this goal.

The nature of the goal is monumental, and it will only be fully accomplished if federal, state, and local governments ambitiously work together in concert with our friends in Canada. The U.S. and Canada share the responsibility for ensuring Great Lakes environmental prosperity. Continued cooperation between our governments is vital to the restoration efforts of this unique and irreplaceable resource.

It is my hope that the Congress will unite behind this resolution to restore and renew the majesty of the Great Lakes Basin.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D) Michigan

A Salute to Michigan's Olympians

The Olympic Games celebrate years of hard work, dedication and persistence in overcoming obstacles. An Olympian's life is not about the glory of a gold medal or the excitement of new found fame. Rather, an Olympian is an athlete who shows up to practice day after day when no one else is watching, a competitor who works harder and harder to become the best in the world.

Every two years we watch the Summer and Winter Olympics to catch a glimpse of these extraordinary athletes' struggles and successes. After 17 days of cheering on the athletes and celebrating with the medal winners, the 2002 Winter Olympic Games have come to a dramatic close.

Everyone in Michigan can be proud of our state's participation - athletic and otherwise - in this year's Winter Games. Of the 2,300

Olympians from 77 nations who participated in the 19th Winter Olympics, 26 athletes had ties to Michigan. Our state boasts a world-class Olympic training facility in Marquette. Michigan contributed vital behind-the-scenes logistical support to the Winter Games. Three of our athletes participated in a very special way in the opening ceremony when they helped carry the American flag recovered from the rubble of the World Trade Center.

While the Olympic tradition dates back to ancient Greece, the Winter Olympics have a more recent history. The first hint of the Winter Games came in 1908 when figure skating made an appearance at the Summer Games in London. That sport's popularity prompted the organizers of the 1920 Games in Berlin to introduce a 'Skating Olympia,' but those Games were canceled because of World War I.

In 1924, the International Olympic Committee sanctioned an "International Winter Sports Week" in Chamonix, France, which was to become the first official Olympic Winter Games. This event, which featured Nordic skiing, speed skating, figure skating, ice hockey and bobsledding, was a huge success and the Winter Olympic tradition was born. The Winter and Summer Games were held in the same calendar year for 70 years until 1994, when Olympic organizers chose to schedule alternating summer and Winter Games every two years.

In the 2002 Winter Games, Michigan athletes participated in nine sports and won a total of 17 medals in individual and team sports. Jean Racine of Waterford and Doug Sharp of Alpena competed in men's and women's bobsled while Mark Grimmette of Muskegon and Chris Thorpe of Marquette took on the men's luge. Todd Eldredge of Lake Angelus and Naomi Lang of Allegan skated in men's and women's figure skating. Alison Bauer and Ron Biondo, both of Marquette, competed in men's and women's short track speed skating. Shelley Looney of Brownstown Township and Angela Ruggiero of Harper Woods starred in the U.S. women's ice hockey team.

Michigan's contribution to the Olympics this year had an international flavor as 11 players from the Detroit Red Wings played on five national teams. Red Wings who competed in the 2002 Winter Games include Chris Chelios, Sergei Fedorov, Slava Fetisov, Dominik Hasek, Tomas Holmstrom, Brett Hull, Igor Larionov, Nicklas Lidstrom, Frederick Olafsson, Brendan Shanahan and Steve

Yzerman. Five other Michigan natives played on the U.S. hockey team: Mike Modano of Livonia, Brian Rafalski of Dearborn, Brian Rolston of Flint, Doug Weight of Warren and Mike York of Waterford.

Michigan has a long and proud tradition of supporting these and many other Olympic athletes. The U.S. Olympic Education Center at Northern Michigan University is one of only four Olympic training centers in the country and is the only one that allows athletes to train in Olympic caliber facilities while earning a college or high school degree.

Michigan's Upper Peninsula is the home of one of only three luge tracks in the United States and the only one of the three to operate without refrigeration.

Michigan's role in this year's Winter Games wasn't limited to the commitment of our athletes and our commitment to their success. Snow that lines the courses at both the skiing and snowboarding events was produced in part by the 75 snow-making machines brought by a Michigan company in Salt Lake.

The games last only a few short weeks but it is now that the Olympics have come to an end that the true spirit of the Games thrives. The Olympian rises early each morning before the sun has risen and works through cold Michigan winters for one reason alone - the satisfaction that comes from competing farther, faster and stronger than even he or she thought possible.

For that commitment, that drive, that competitive spirit, I salute all the athletes of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games from Michigan, from the United States and from around the world.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

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EDITOR

Compassion appreciated

To the editor,

This is to the person who hit and killed my dog on Old 27.

I was walking my three dogs on leashes on Monday at 4:30 p.m. This is something all three enjoyed when I got home from work. Especially, Christy; the dog you hit and killed. We were well off the shoulder of the road; as I know the traffic can be heavy at times, and tried to protect my dogs from this happening. Did you hit her deliberately? I pray you are not that sick!

It would have been nice if you had stopped and offered to help, but you didn't, did you? You slowed down, then sped up and took off! Did you think you had hit me? I was kneeling next to my dog, trying to help her. Are you heartless, were you drunk, or just a coward?

I would just like to tell you a little about the three year old dog you killed. She was a stray (like my other two dogs) and was having a seizure when we found her. We took her in and got her on medication.

We love all of our dogs, but Christy was special. She was the most affectionate and loving dog we have ever had. Even though she still had her problems with occasional seizures, she was always

there to cheer us up when Sandy (my wife) and I were down. She loved to play. At night, she would curl up on the foot of our bed next to Molly (our black and tan). They were inseparable. Molly was looking for her tonight, and couldn't understand why she wasn't there.

In the morning, Christy couldn't wait for us to get up to kiss us, and play. She loved to play with Molly and Yukie (our Huskies).

If only you had stopped to offer help. I probably would have been upset, but understood that it was an accident. Now I will always wonder what kind of person you are.

A great couple stopped to help me. The lady's name was Annie, and I am sorry sir but was so upset I don't remember your name, but both of you were very kind. You drove me and my dogs home (over a mile) and tried to make sure I was ok before you left.

Molly and Yukie will help us get through this, and we will have more time to spend with them. But Christy will never be forgotten.

There certainly are more kind and compassionate people in this community than thoughtless and selfish ones.

James and Sandy Altman

Frederic

To the editor,

Recently, I was very concerned to hear there are some people in the community who do not know what we are and what we do.

In 1992, the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center opened to serve the people in need with food, encouragement, education, support and help.

We continue to do all of these things and have added some programs that were needed.

We sponsor Toys for Tots and organize distribution of Christmas Help for the people of Crawford County. We give out Easter Basket Fixins and Winter Coats for Kids. Most recently we have started the Summer Lunch Bag Program for children who received free or reduced lunches during the school year. Last summer, we served 234

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BRIEFS

Relay for Life plans annual 'Kick-Off'

Organizers for Grayling's annual Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society are planning a "Kick-Off" Celebration on March 28 at 6 p.m. in the AuSable Primary School Cafeteria. Relay for Life teams are now forming for the event scheduled June 15-16, from 12 noon on Saturday until 12 noon on Sunday, at the Grayling High School track. Teams should consist of eight to 15 members, with team members taking turns walking for 1/2 hour and one hour intervals. Sponsors, team captains, team members and volunteers are needed. Many activities are planned for the 24-hour fund raiser, including the traditional "Survivors' Lap" and the "Luminary Ceremony." For more information, call Grayling Relay Coordinator Denise Cinciala at (989) 348-2337, or email: info@relayforlifegrayling.com.

Friends of the Library plan garage sale

Friends of the Crawford County Library will hold a one-day only garage sale at the old library on the I-75 Business Loop on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale does not include books, but involves miscellaneous equipment, shelving, and other items. All proceeds from the sale will be added to the new book fund for the new library on Plum Street. Volunteers are also needed to help with the sale. For more information, call Friends' Treasurer, Shirley Schmoeck, at 348-5132.

Spay/neuter group offers male cat clinic

Lewiston's Best Friends will sponsor its fourth annual cat neuter clinic at the Atlanta Veterinary Clinic in Atlanta on April 11, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost for neutering is \$25; \$35 with rabies vaccination. The clinic is being held on a first-come, first-served basis. Remember, one male cat can mate up to four times in a 24-hour period. Unneutered males fight more, roam and are at higher risk of testicular cancer. Help decrease the unwanted cat and kitten population by taking advantage of this low-cost clinic. Call Sally at Bud Jones Insurance Agency, (989) 786-2296, to sign up and for information about the clinic.

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of March 17 were Dan Walker, Ted Stephan, Cathy and Matt Holton (2) and Katy McNamara.

Rotary Pot of Gold winners announced

The Grayling Rotary Club Pot of Gold raffle winners for March are: Cliff Wheeler - \$100, Vivian Balmer - \$50, and Brad Summers - \$25.

Lions Club announces Lucky 13 winner

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for Week 11 is Joyce McParland of Grayling.

Kirtland hosts faculty art exhibit

The art of Kirtland Community College's Art Faculty is on display at the college through the end of March. Featured artists are Joe Donna, Scott Rice, Mike Waters, and Melissa Pendell. For more information, call Donna at (989) 275-5000, ext. 226, or Jackie Liddle, Conference Center, at ext. 418.

Spring Blossoms Luncheon planned

A "Spring Blossoms - Salad Luncheon" is planned at the Grayling Masonic Temple on Friday, March 22, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Get choice of salads, dinner roll, dessert and beverage for \$5 person. Everyone is invited to come and help celebrate spring.

Club plans Square Dance and Pot Luck

The Northwoods Club of Luzerne will hold a Square Dance and Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, March 23, from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the club on Deeter Road, north of M-72 in Luzerne. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., with Square and Round Dancing from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., featuring live music and callers. Bring a dish to pass and table service. Admission is free; donations are accepted. All are welcome, including "beginners." For more information, call Toni at (989) 657-1437.

Women bowlers plan spring meeting

The Grayling Women's Bowling Association will hold its spring meeting in the Legion Hall on Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. Tournament money will be handed out; election of officers will be held. All are urged to attend.

White pines offered at no cost

Ten free white pine trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 2002. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"The white pines will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They are fast-growing landscape trees with soft needles and graceful branching. You can use them as specimen trees or as a privacy screen or windbreak...even as a beautiful sheared hedge."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscrip-

Three local students take top honors in art contest



Photo courtesy of Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council

Brittany Naumiec, a student at AuSable Primary School, took first place honors recently in a contest sponsored by the local child protection council. The contest was held in celebration of Parenting Awareness Month.

To celebrate March as Parenting Awareness Month, the Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council sponsored a drawing contest depicting "Our Family Having Fun." Three drawings were selected -- one first place, and two honorable mentions. All three received prizes of miscellaneous art supplies.

Brittany Naumiec took first place in the contest. Her drawing will be made into placements and distributed to area restaurants so that other children can enjoy coloring her picture as well.

Josie Swander, whose picture received honorable mention, attends the AuSable Primary School in Grayling, along with Naumiec. The

second honorable mention picture came from Emily Smith who attends Collins Elementary School in Houghton Lake.

The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the 5th Street Grill in Roscommon. Interested persons or parties are welcome as the group is a collaborative group, seeking input from people throughout Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

The Council reviews and discusses issues and services available for children in the two counties, with sponsorship from the Roscommon United Way and the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan.

Summer programs need volunteers

Challenge Mountain in Boyne City has a 20 year history of winter programming, helping countless physically disabled and mentally handicapped people. In 2002, "at-risk" youth programs have been added.

To meet the challenge of giving the opportunity for outdoor activity to these individual with summer programs, volunteers are needed. Anyone who enjoys summer activities, has a love of the outdoors, and would like to make a difference in the lives of others should consider giving a little time to this organization.

A class is scheduled on April 6 for first aid and safety skills for new volunteers. For more information on volunteering and future training

classes, or to register, call (231) 535-2141.

Financial donations are also needed to help purchase needed equipment, build a pavilion and the handicapped portion of the trails. Donations are tax-deductible and may be sent to: Challenge Mountain, P.O. Box 735, Boyne City, MI 49712.

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GHS ALUMNI NEWS

Submitted by Clara Sorenson
Membership Secretary

We have set the date of our Annual Homecoming for September 21 at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. For those coming in with reunions, we would appreciate an updated class listing before our annual letter is set to come out in August. You may call (989) 348-8260. Your help is much appreciated.

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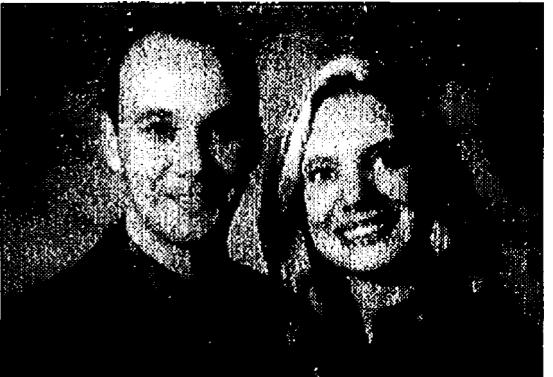
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The Bible Speaks

Humanized Bibles

The International Bible Society is releasing a gender-neutral alternative to their best-selling "New International Version" (N.I.V.). It is titled "Today's New International Version". The same kind of Bible was first introduced in England and plans were made to distribute it here, but because of an outcry of criticism from Bible believers they did not release it until now. The same thing was done with the revised Bible version of 1881. It was first printed in England, then in 1901 they printed it in America as the 1901 American Standard Version. The Bible perversion crowd has been very slow in changing the Bible. It has been said if you put a frog in a pan of cold water and gradually turn up the heat he will stay in the pan. Many Christians seem to be like the frogs, they will only accept small changes to their Bibles a little at a time, and if they act like the frogs, they will stay with the changing perversions until they lose all their faith. Perverted Bibles are the greatest evil threatening to destroy the Christian faith in America today.

The underlying text of the first popular English Bible perversion was based upon a corrupted critical text. Most modern English Bibles have followed the same corrupted underlying text. This corrupted text was based upon the presupposition that the Bible text has been corrupted down through the centuries and must be corrected with naturalistic methods of textual criticism. This assumption also presumes that God did not keep His promises to preserve His Holy Word. For example: Psa. 12:6 6:7; "The words of the LORD are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." Thou shall keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Isa. 59:21; "As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD: My spirit is upon thee, and my words

which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever." Our Lord Jesus Christ repeated in Matt. 24:35; Mark 13:31; and Luke 21:33; "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Many of us still trust the promises of God more than we trust the changing opinions of modern unbelieving scholars.

The NIV used not only a corrupted underlying text, but a new method of translation called dynamic equivalence. The old King James Bible was based upon formal equivalence or the most exact word translation. Dynamic equivalence uses human thoughts to explain what God meant to say. It is trying to translate God's concepts or thoughts rather than God's revealed words into our own English culture. This assumes either God was not as smart as modern translators, or the Holy Spirit who inspired the words was not smart enough to make God's words clear for every culture. Some of us believe God who is omniscient or all wise knew what He was saying when He revealed the Bible. Surely you who have read our column for 29 years have understood God's words as quoted.

Now the TNIV is trying to make the Bible more politically correct by making the Bible gender neutral. This assumes that God must have revealed discriminatory words that our generation must correct. They want to make the Bible more user friendly. They want to reduce the presence of words such as "he" and "man" that feminists find objectionable. Like the 1966 version of the Gospel called "God Is for Real, Man" which even featured hip "street" translations ("the Lord is like my probation officer") so converts could feel more comfortable reading the Bible. But

the Bible is not a human product that can be molded by the whims of political correctness and cultural change. The Bible is God's revealed Holy Scriptures given by divine inspiration and divinely preserved.

The first English Bible translated from the received text of Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek started with William Tyndale in 1525. This translation, also called the Martyr's Bible, resulted in the burning of Tyndale at the stake. His last words before dying were for God to open the eyes of the King of England. The King James Bible first printed in 1611 was God's answer to his prayer. The words in the King James Bible are still 5/6th to 9/10ths the same words first penned by Tyndale. Some of us still trust the accuracy and authority of the Bible God in His love, grace and mercy gave the English speaking world nearly 500 years ago. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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The secret to living happily ever after is to rise above frustrations by clinging to a common faith in God. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." In other words, remain firm in your love and trust God to know your ultimate good.

Worship each week and God will strengthen you as a loving couple. Your love will remain like new when God is there with the two of you.



Falling in Love... Rising with Faith

Sunday Psalm	Monday Psalm	Tuesday Psalm	Wednesday Psalm	Thursday Psalm	Friday Psalm	Saturday Psalm
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Allen and Patsy Lawe of Shirley, Oklahoma, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on March 1, 2002. The Lawes are formerly of Grayling.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 111 complaints during the two weeks of March 3 through March 16:

Two misdemeanor citations, two civil citations, 10 traffic accidents, one private property accident, five misdemeanor arrests, two drunk driving complaints, three malicious destruction of property, two motorist assist, nine disorderly complaints, three harassment complaints, one breaking and entering, one juvenile complaint, three attempt to locate complaints, two assault complaints, six larceny complaints, six alarm complaints, one civil complaint, one animal control complaint, two fire complaints, one personal protection order complaint, three misdemeanor arrests, one civil complaint, 15 traffic warnings, nine suspicious situations, four assist other departments, and 16 unclassified complaints.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Jonathan and Stephanie Feldhauser of Robins AFB GA announce the birth of Corbin Taylor, born February 18, 2002 at 6:36 p.m.

Corbin weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. Corbin's grandparents, Mark and Linda (Hale) Crane of Fort Walton Beach, Florida welcome their first grandchild.

Corbin's great-grandparents, Bob and Marie Prause, reside in Grayling.

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P.I.T. STOP - GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

The Grayling Middle School presents "The Connecticut Yankee" this weekend in a dinner theater at AuSable Primary Cafeteria. Come join the fun this Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, starting at 6 p.m. with a baked chicken dinner, dessert and ending with a night of comedy. A young Yankee boy travels back in time (by mistake) to King Arthur's court. Come see the troubles he encounters and just how he plans on getting back to his own time. Tickets are on sale at Riverland. They are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, this includes dinner and entertainment.

The Grayling Middle School

choirs performed well at Districts this past weekend. The sixth grade took their first "I." According to Choir Director Karen Ross, this is the first time and sixth grade class has ever gotten straight "I's." The seventh and eighth graders both brought home a "II."

Thursday, March 21 the student council will be holding a Spirit Week Activity night at GMS. It will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Activities will include an open gym, a food court, a dance, computer lab and games. Remember parents are always welcome.

Friday, March 22, the sixth grade will be traveling to the Sportsplex for a Perk Trip. Don't forget lunch and parents are once again invited to join the fun.

Tuesday, March 26, the seventh grade will be traveling to the Kaliseum for a day of fun skating and swimming. We need parent volunteers for this event. Come join the fun and don't forget lunch.

Registration for Michigan State Exploration Days started Monday, March 18. Anyone interested in this program can pick up an application at the counseling office. Talk to your child about this. It's really a fun few days.

Chelsea Curriston, Summer Coe and Liz Pegouskie learned recently they have been accepted into the High School Chamber Choir next year.

Parents: Remember that you are always welcome at Grayling Middle School. If you have any questions or problems please feel free to contact your child's teacher, the counseling office, Principal Doniel Pummell or Assistant Principal Jeff Branch. They are always interested in parents' concerns.

P.I.T. News: We are in the planning stages for Funfest. We will be sending home a sign-up sheet for helpers and donations. This is a fun day for the kids and adults. Our next meeting will be right after break: April 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the middle school. We need lots of fun ideas so come join us.

March 21 - 22 from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The Portage Creek Road Bridge, located west of Howe Road, in South Camp is closed for construction.

For further information on Air to Ground operations call: (989) 939-8880 or (989) 354-6205.

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RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 20 through March 26 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates and times:

March 20 - 22 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and March 26 from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 97 complaints one week period of March 11-17:

Sixteen traffic accidents, three non-traffic accidents, one traffic violation civil infraction, one school bus inspection, two civil matters - family trouble, 10 suspicious situations, two lost and found property, one missing persons, 10 general non-criminal, one structure fire, 11 delinquent minors, one runaways, one snowmobile incident, one valid alarm, four false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one felonious/aggravated assault, three larceny, one larceny - other, eight public peace/disorderly, one operating under the influence of alcohol, 11 health and safety (all animal control), two conservation, one miscellaneous arrest.

Spring Break: Starts Friday, March 29, with the last school day being March 28 with the kids coming back Tuesday, April 9.

Phoenix Students: The students will be traveling to Kirtland on April 19 to see "Monkey on the Waterfall."

Carleen Hubbell from Catholic Human Services will start a Drug Prevention series on Tuesday, March 19. All parents are encouraged to attend.

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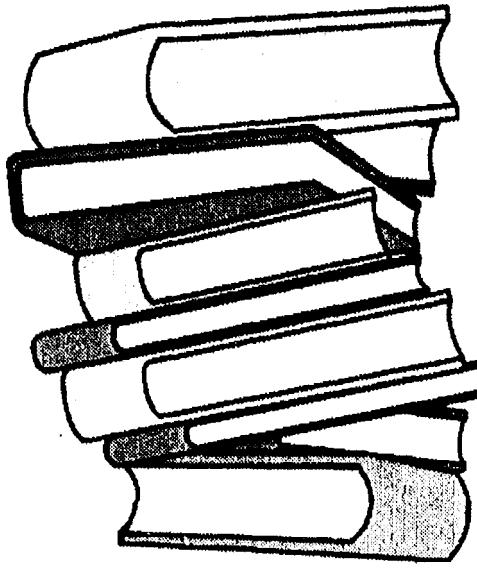
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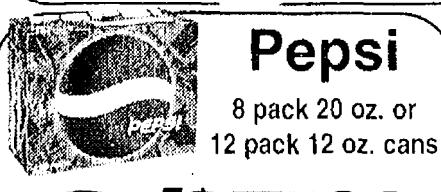
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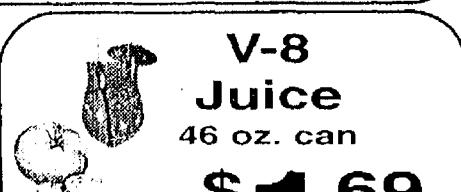
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Speaker to discuss osteoporosis, bone density

Because osteoporosis, or low bone density, has no symptoms, many of the estimated 44 million Americans who have the disease don't realize they are affected until it's too late.

Changxin Li, M.D., an internist at Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH), will present on this widespread disease from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., March 27, at the chapel of the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church.

Dr. Li's presentation, which will discuss prevention, detection and treatment of osteoporosis, is part of OMH's Women's Health Series. The presentation is titled, "Osteoporosis and Low Bone Density."

Osteoporosis is a disease characterized by low bone mass and deterioration of bone tissue. While it is treatable, many women don't know they have the disease until they break a bone in their hip, spine, wrist or rib. After that point, recovery is difficult, Dr. Li said.

"Once you lose the hormone estrogen, that's when you have a problem," Dr. Li said. "It's mainly a woman's issue and an older population issue."

Dr. Li said adequate bone density in a woman over 70 years old is rare. Most women experience Osteoporosis, but in varying levels.

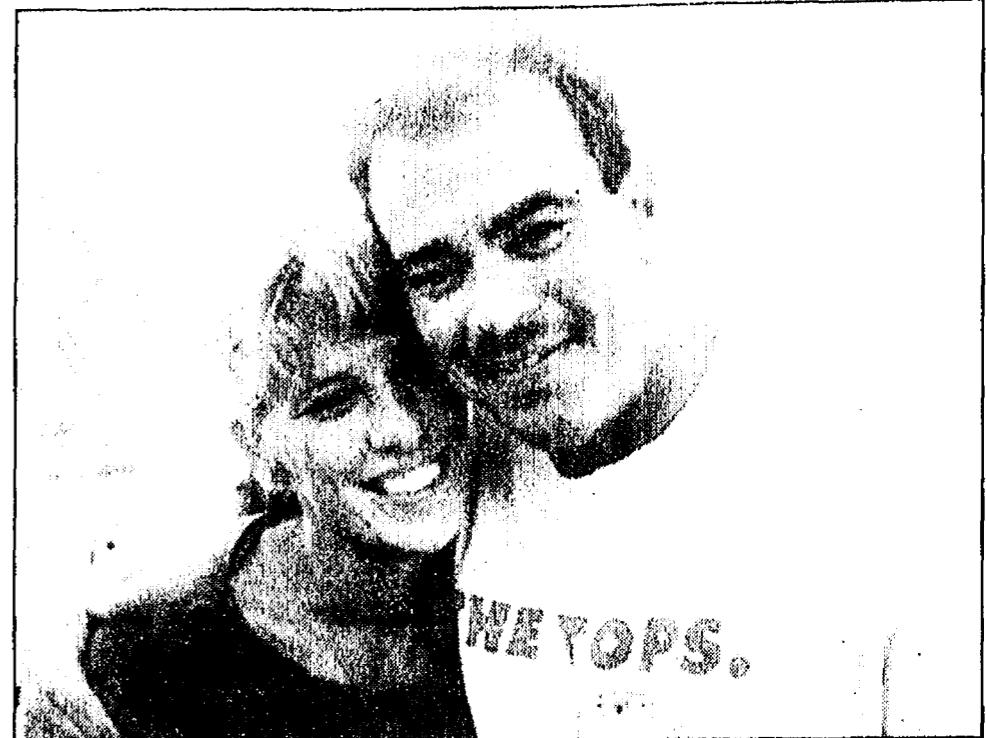
While osteoporosis is a natural state in the evolution of one's life, certain factors make people more

susceptible to contracting the disease. They include a diet low in calcium, an inactive lifestyle, having a thin or small frame, and more.

In this presentation, Dr. Li will discuss other preventable measures such as dietary supplements and medications.

Said Dr. Li, "It's a treatable condition but you have to find out if you have the condition before you can get the treatments."

Benjamin, Keller engaged



Patricia Benjamin and Kevin Keller

Mr. and Mrs. George Benjamin of Fort Myers, Florida, announced the engagement and coming marriage of their daughter, Patricia to Kevin Keller, also of Fort Myers. The wedding is planned for April 6. Patricia is a medical records clerk at Health Park Hospital in Fort Myers and Kevin is Seafood Manager at Publix Supermarkets. The Benjamins are former residents of Crawford County.

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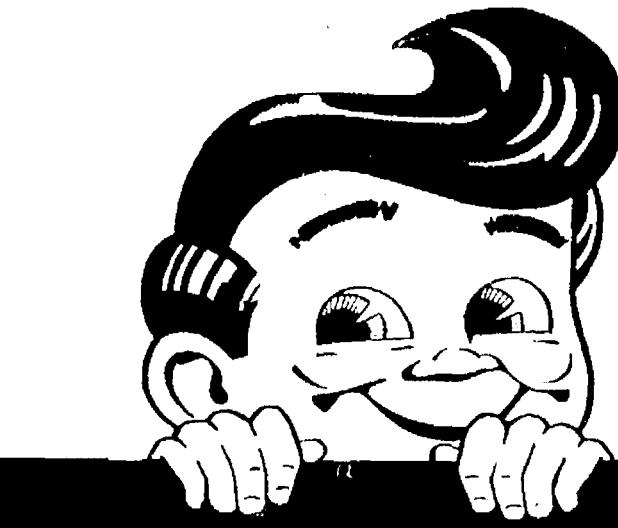


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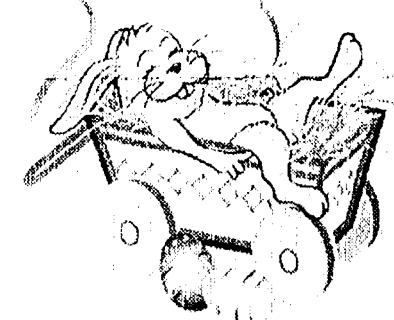
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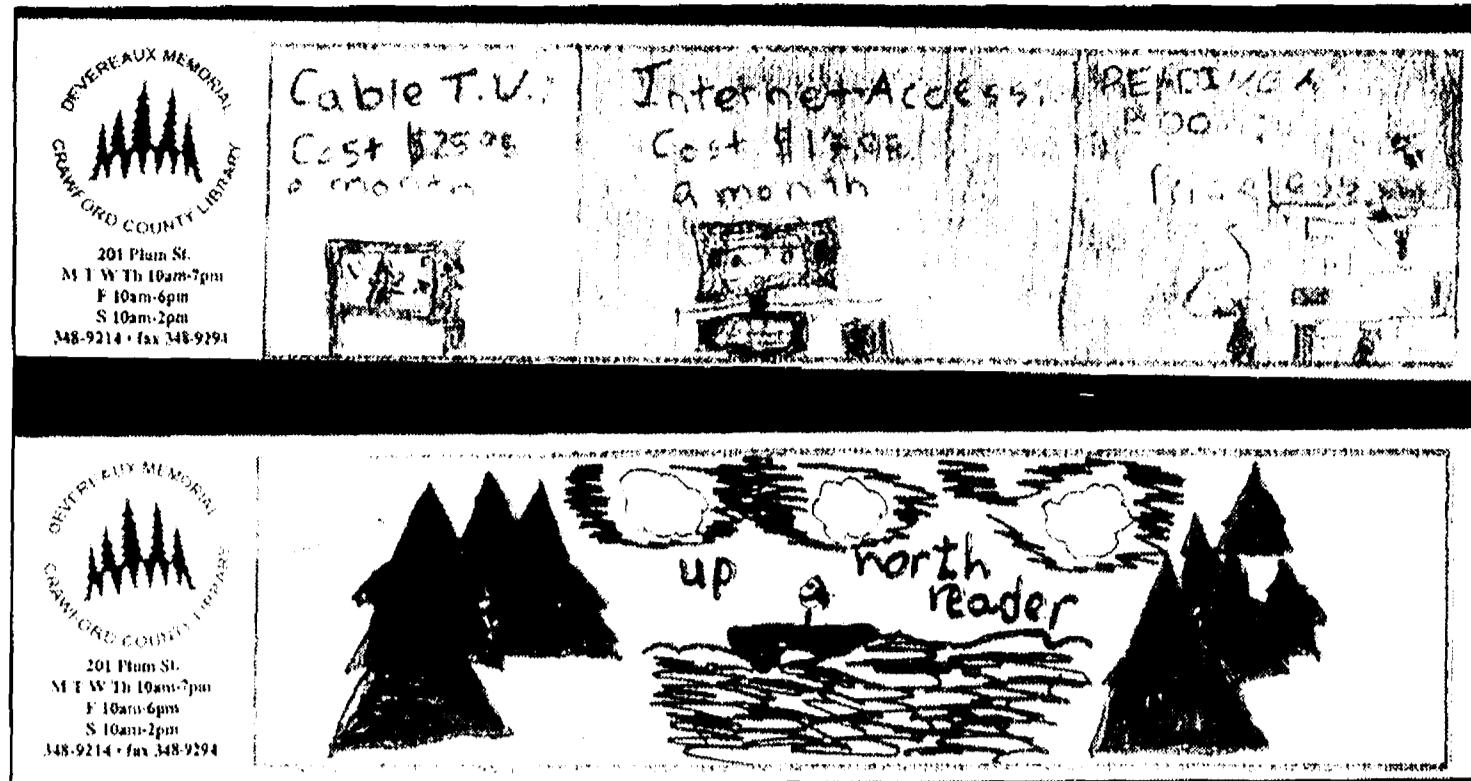
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New library announces bookmark winners



The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library sponsored a bookmark design contest for kids under the age of 13 and the winners were invited to help cut the ribbon at the library's March 15 "world premiere." (Top) This bookmark winner was created by Grayling Elementary 5th grader, Brianna Farrell. It says, "Cable T.V.: Cost \$25.95 a month, Internet Access: Cost \$17.95 a month, Reading a Book: Priceless" (Bottom) AuSable Primary 1st grader, Angie Rouston, designed the "Up North Reader" bookmark, featuring a paddler enjoying the blue water and sunshine of our area. Pick up one or both of these bookmarks, at no cost, while supplies last, when visiting the new library located at 201 Plum Street.

Upcoming travelogue to feature 'Magic of Malaysia'

► Travel and Adventure series event to be held on Thursday, March 28

Cultural Events, part of the Crawford AuSable Community

Education Program, will present its fifth travelogue of the 2001-02 season, "Magic of Malaysia," on Thursday, March 28, at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling.

The Malaysia travelogue will be narrated by Hal McClure, who has worked as a U.S. Air Force pilot, newspaperman, and foreign correspondent before entering the travelogue field. He has shot a dozen travel/adventure documentaries since the 1970s. He is a member of the Travelogue Hall of Fame and is co-owner and editor of *Travelogue Magazine*.

"Americans are only now discovering what Malaysia has to offer the ordinary visitor," McClure said. "From its splendid new-old cities to its great rain forests, silvery beaches, and all intriguing flora and fauna that dwell within."

McClure's travelogue carries the viewer from the exotic lands of Penang, Langkawi and Tioman to historic Melaka to visit a Malay grandmother at home, and to talent-



The island of Langkawi, featured in the upcoming travelogue "Magic of Malaysia," was once the stronghold of pirates and now attracts modern-day tourist visitors with its long sandy beaches and crystal clear water.

ed artists crafting pewter, batik, and giant kites. Another highlight of the presentation is a close-up look at the endangered orangutans in jungle rehabilitation centers where they are cared for until they are unable to return safely to their forest home.

Tickets for the "Magic of Malaysia" travelogue can be purchased at the door, or by calling Cultural Events at (989) 344-3539. Tickets are \$6/individual, or \$5.50 for a student or senior. Doors open

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Is first robin sighted really the 'first robin'?

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The USGS's breeding bird survey shows the American Robin lives, for the most part in the upper midwest during breeding and while raising their young. But by mid-December, when the Christmas bird survey is taken, most of the robins have indeed flown south -- to areas in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama -- to enjoy the warmer weather and the more available fruits and insects.

So, as much as we would like to confirm that any one person saw the "first robin" to make its way back to Grayling, we really can't be sure. Nonetheless, we are all anxiously awaiting the onset of warmer weather, sunny days and green all around. Think Spring... it was scheduled to begin March 20.

donation is separated into three blood components: the red cells, plasma and platelets. Patients receive only the blood component needed. Everyone wins; the patient's circulatory system is not overloaded with unneeded components and more patients receive blood.

Local businesses play an important role in supporting the blood program. Custom Forest Products held a first time drive after the events of September 11th. "Our employees held a fund raising drive to help the September 11th victims, yet we wanted to do more," explains Sharon Sloan, office manager. "Our first time drive netted 31 donations, mostly from first-time donors. It was so well received that we will hold a second drive on April 2nd, involving other area businesses in the industrial park, too." The drive is closed to the public.

Betty Pamerleau has volunteered as the Crawford County blood program coordinator since 1983. "Over the years I've enjoyed meeting the generous people who faithfully donate blood to save lives." Betty encourages all who are eligible to give regularly. The next community blood drive will be on Wednesday, May 1st at the Grayling American Legion from 12noon to 5:45pm. Call the blood region at 800-582-2240 to schedule an appointment or for more details on giving blood or sponsoring a blood drive. Give an hour to be a life saver!

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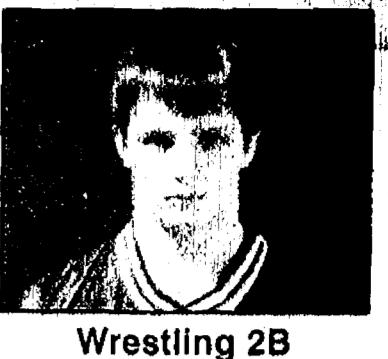
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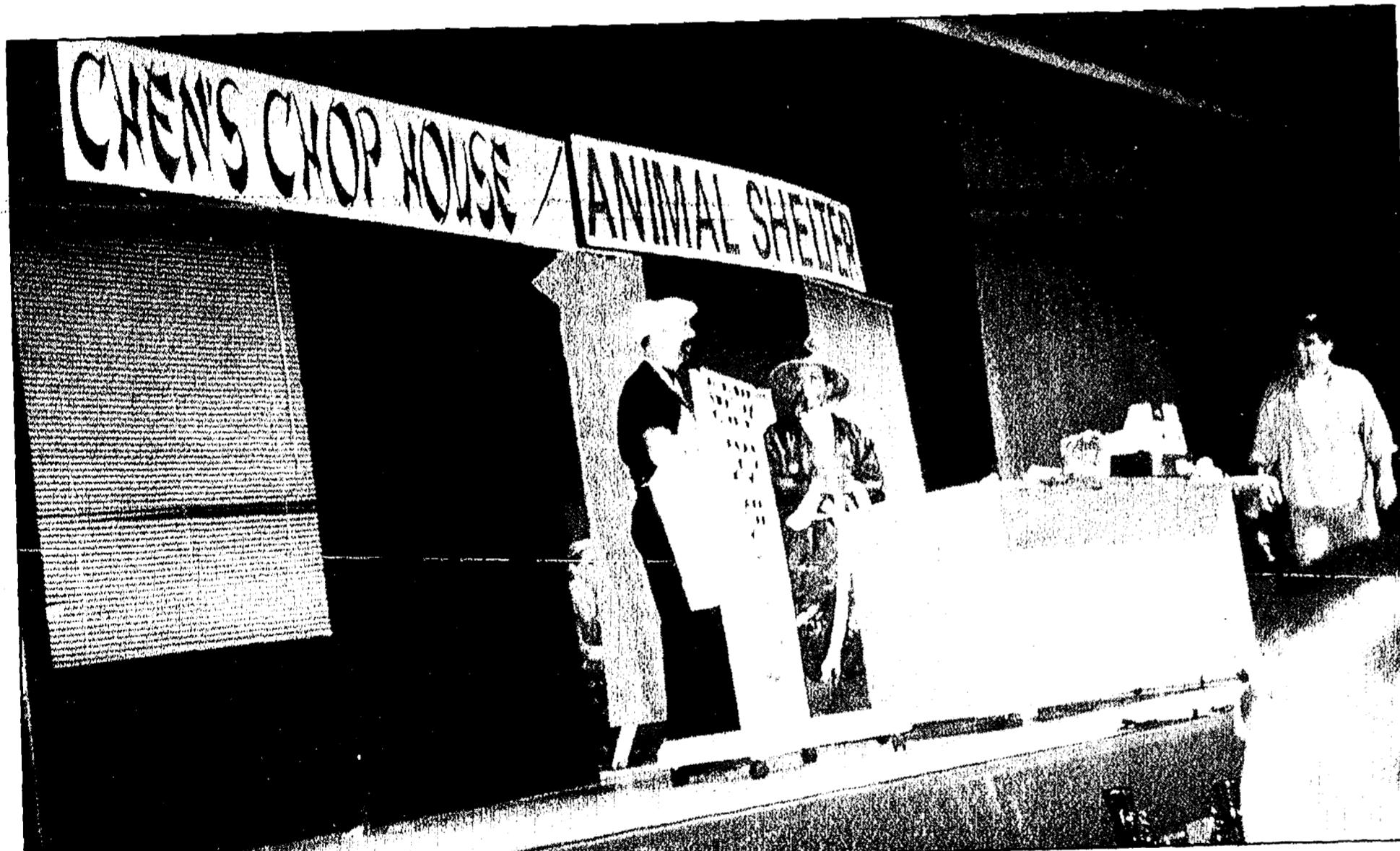
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The Rotary Minstrel Show

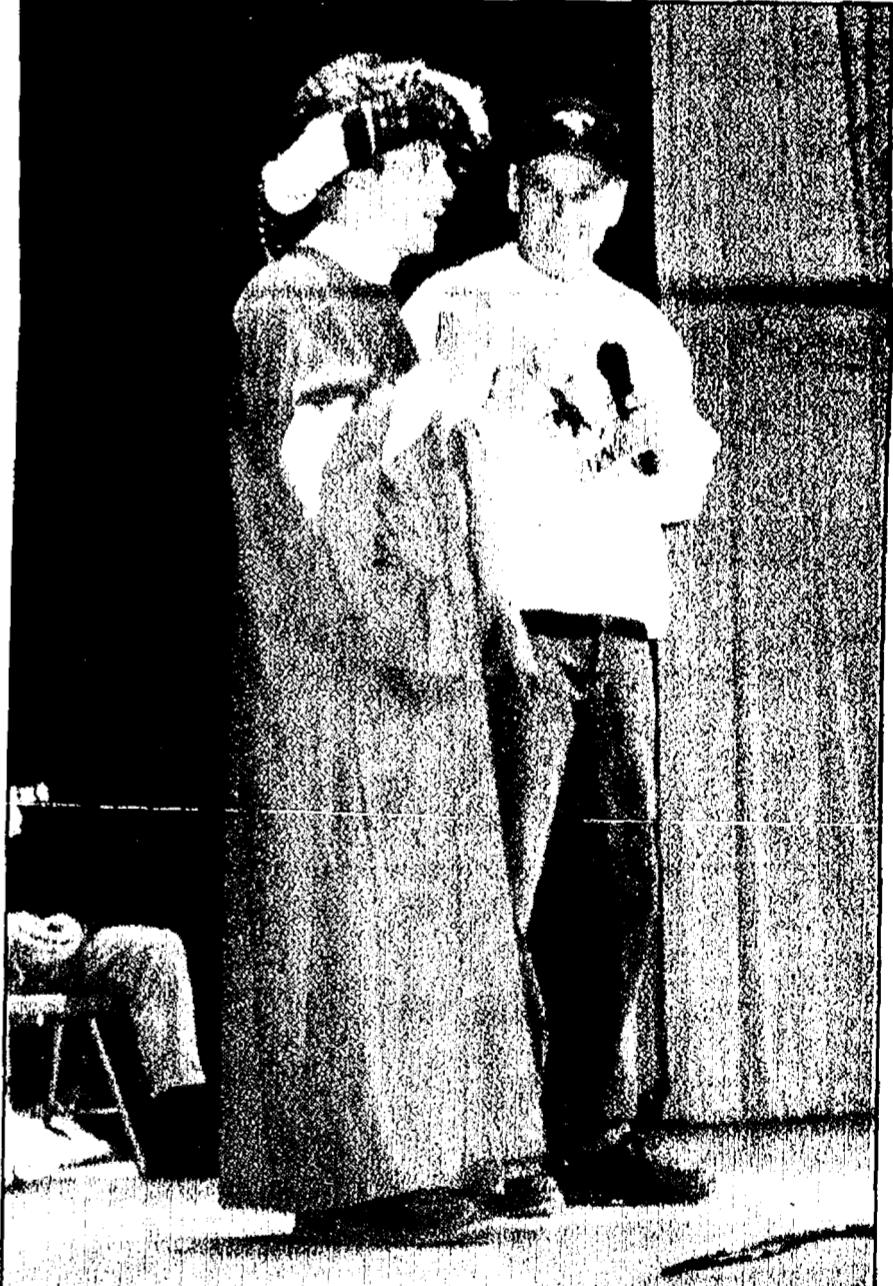


Give me a "G" for gee whiz, is that our Honorable John G. Hunter in a cheerleading outfit leading other, eh hem, men of distinction in a cheer? All in good fun, these Grayling Rotarians give their imitation of our Viking cheerleaders at the March 8-9 Rotary Minstrel Show. From left are: "R" Rich Jaskowski, "A" Brad Scheer, "Y" Mark Hartman, "L" Bruce Schroeder, "I" Larry Raymond, "N" Mark Sloan and unfortunately hidden behind Judge Hunter is the other "G," Rob Aubrey.

Every few years, the Grayling Rotary Club enlists its "talented" members to create a show known to lampoon the locals. There is one thing you can always count on with the Rotary Minstrel Show: no one person or subject is sacred and everything is fair game in this light-hearted night of jabs at local politics and current events. The show is a major fund-raising event for the Grayling Rotary Club, whose members serve the community in many ways throughout the year. Two performances were held March 8-9 in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium; both received large audiences even though blizzard conditions greeted Saturday's patrons.



Chinese restaurant chef Brad Scheer speaks with an "expert" about the collaboration between the animal shelter and his restaurant, Chen's Chop House. Rich Jaskowski approaches looking for details on adopting a dog.



Dressed appropriately, Swami Ramaswamy (Larry Raymond) offers a look into the future to Mark Hartman while telling fortunes at the Rotary Minstrel Show.



Rotarians Brad Scheer (as the clerk) and Bruce Schroeder as the customer, can't help but lampoon the new grocery store in town. Sure the prices are low, but a fella can have a hard time carrying out his groceries when he doesn't have enough money to pay for the bags. The solution (at right): stuff them in your clothes! (Not recommended by the Avalanche or you may show up in a court report!)



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Grayling High School wrestler finishes 12th at State Finals

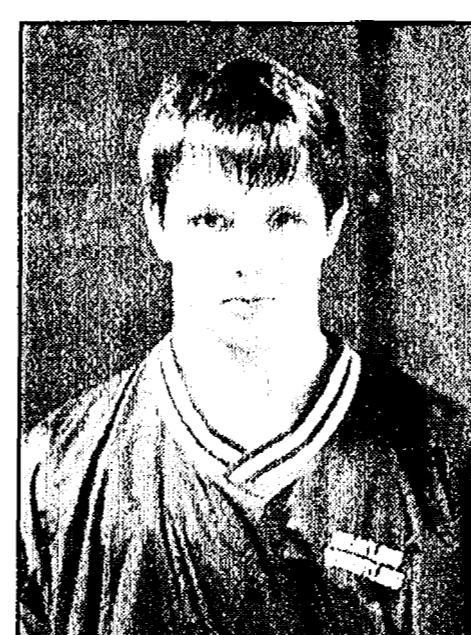
► Dusty Partello ends 2001-02 season with a 48-11 win/loss record

Grayling High School wrestler Dusty Partello, a sophomore, recently competed at the Wrestling State Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Partello, wrestling in the 145-pound weight class this year, finished 12th in the state in Division III in his weight group.

At the State Finals, Partello lost his first match to an opponent from Goodrich High School. He won his second match, a bout vs. a wrestler from Bridgeport. His run at state came to an end with an overtime loss to a Williamston wrestler in his third match.

Partello finished the 2001-02 season with an overall record of 48-11. He took first place at Districts to

**Dusty Partello**

qualify for Regionals, then placed third at Regionals to qualify for the State Finals.

He was recently recognized by the Crawford AuSable Board of Education for his achievements in wrestling this season, and he was named to the *Traverse City Record-Eagle* "All-Region" wrestling team.

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation

Glen's Market	26	-	18
Mickey Perez CPA	25	-	19
Scheer Motors	23	-	21
Woody Girl's	22	-	22
Gale Enterprises	20	-	24
Peterson Saw Service	20	-	24
Skyline Ski & C.C.	20	-	24
Chicken Little Joint Pro	19	-	25
High Series: J. Hinds	525	-	M. Starks, 513; P. D'Amour, 485.
High Game: S. Bly, 201; J. Hinds, 200; M. Perez, 198.			

Pioneer

Avalanche	23	-	13
Millikin's	21	-	15
McDonald's of Grayling	19	-	17
Aunt Betty's	18	-	18
South Side River Rats	18	-	18
Chemical Bank	18	-	18
Custom Interior	17	-	19
Rochette's	10	-	26
High Series: D. Hollis, 563; S. France, 536; L. Golnick, 507.			
High Game: S. Goss, 204; D. Hollis, 204 and 201.			

Northwood

Riverland	32	-	12
Hart Pontiac - GMC	25	-	19
Corky's Karaoke	24	-	20
R. Calkins & Sons	23	-	21
Plaza Bar	21	-	23
R & M Masonry	18	-	26
Hometown	17	-	27
North Michigan Financial	16	-	28
High Series: S. Romain, 561; T. Raybould, 530; M. Rock, 506.			
High Game: T. Raybould, 219; S. Romain, 204; T. Rock, 194.			

Friday Mixed Doubles

Charlies Country Cntr	33.5	-	18.5
Fick & Sons	32	-	20
Chicken Little Project	29	-	23
Moshier Auto Repair	26	-	26
Ken's Tire & Auto	26	-	26
Aunt Betty's	26	-	26
Double Trouble	23.5	-	28.5
Newlyweds	12	-	40
High Series Men: R. Marwede, 623; D. Germain, 606; D. Wallace, 603.			

American Men's League

Barber Construction	07	-	00
CSI Ind. Systems	07	-	00
McLean's ACE	05	-	02
Forrest Brothers	04	-	03
Moore's Automotive	03	-	04
North Woods Land	02	-	05
Fenton's Auto Service	00	-	07
Scheer Motors	00	-	07
High Series: D. Canfield, 695; J. Helsel, 675; L. Davis, 598.			
High Game: D. Canfield, 247; J. Helsel, 245; T. Devins, 236.			

Seniors

Grayling Pharmacy	61.5	-	42.5
Cornell Insurance	58.5	-	45.5
Buccilli's Pizza	55	-	49
Spikes Keg O'Nails	52.5	-	51.5
Flowers by Josie	51	-	53
Baynham Wood Products	46	-	58
Halls Snow Removal	45.5	-	58.5
Sylvester's Sports	45	-	59
High Series Men: D. Germain, 575; P. Mead, 542; K. Harris, 535.			
High Game Men: D. Germain, 240; J. Rasmussen, 203; A.J. Hall, 203.			
High Series Women: D. Hollis, 474; I. Hatfield, 449; P. Harris, 445.			
High Game Women: D. Hollis, 166; T. Stedry, 164; I. Hatfield, 155.			

Triangle League

Deane Systems	32	-	12
Moshier Auto Repair	25	-	19
Barber Construction	24	-	20
Ghost Team	23	-	21
Stitches by Sue	20	-	24
Sawmill Tavern	19	-	25
Gray Rock Cafe	18	-	26
Central MI. Painting	15	-	29
High Game: J. Lozon, 246; B. Hollis, 234; T. Devins, 219.			
High Series: J. Lozon, 618; J. Mehal, 608; J. Arwood, 583.			

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YOUTH BOWLING

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

CINCINNATI - Kirtland squandered a nine-point lead in route to a 91-80 season-ending loss to Vincennes (Indiana) University in the opening round of the Region XII Men's Basketball Tournament.

With guard Mario Collins leading the way scoring 28 points, Kirtland raced to a 39-30 halftime lead but couldn't hold it. The Firebirds' defense, indefensible for most of the second half of the season, gave up 61 points as Vincennes (20-10) won going away.

Monte Tucker scored 16 and Andy Topic had 14 for Kirtland (14-15), which lost seven of its last nine games.

Delonte Holland led all scorers with 33 for Vincennes.

ROSCOMMON - The Kirtland Firebirds started out winning five of their first six and ended up losing seven of nine, but progress is measured in small steps and success has myriad definitions.

And coach Glen Donahue prefers to think of his team's 14-15 season as successful in many ways: His four graduating seniors - Monte Tucker, Mario Collins, Dmitry Popov and Doug Moyer - will all go on to continue their careers with athletic scholarships at four-year colleges or universities; and a strong nucleus of returning freshmen lend hope to the kind of success next season that can be elicited in the won-lost record.

"We certainly had our ups and downs this season," Donahue said before honoring his players at Kirtland's athletic banquet Monday night.

"But we found we were still in the learning process. To be honest, I thought we would be quicker to come along than we were."

Particularly on defense, he said.

"We didn't close out some games when we should have, and that made a difference between being 14-15 and maybe 22-9."

"We started out the season pretty well, with some big wins over teams like Grand Rapids. We won the Gogebic Tournament that had four pretty good teams. Then we lost a tough game to Kellogg, followed by another tough loss to Lansing, one of the best teams in the state. Both games we could have won, but we didn't, and then the rest of the season kind of followed the same pattern."

It might have been different had the Firebirds not lost 6-foot-11 Lithuanian-born center Alvydas

Gedminas, who lost the entire season because of a foot injury. The team also lost Reuben Edwards halfway through the season for academic reasons. Both will return next season to lead a strong returning class of sophomores that also includes 6-9 forward from Brazil, Rubens Martinelli, forwards Levi Burkett and Andy Topic, and guards Vaughan Gray and Jake Milarch, all of whom saw extensive playing time this season.

And Donahue is counting on another strong recruiting class.

"We have some very good players verbally committed," he said, "some big guys to go along with our returning guys."

They'll have big shoes to fill. Tucker, second in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 12th in the nation with an average of 22.4 points per game, was named his team's most valuable player in awards passed out by Donahue. Collins, who was fourth in the nation with nearly four steals per game, was named the team's best defensive player.

Womens Team

TOLEDO, Ohio - Sophomore forward Brandi Bates recorded a triple-double with 13 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists to lead Kirtland to a come-from-behind, 56-48 victory over Wayne in the opening round of the Region XII Community College Tournament.

Kirtland trailed 29-22, but relied on a stifling defense until its shots started falling in the second half.

"We made a lot of turnovers early in the game, and we didn't handle the ball well," Lady Firebirds coach Jimmy Parker said. "But we played really good defense the whole game, and then we finally started hitting some baskets."

With the victory, Kirtland (12-16) advances to face powerful Schoolcraft, which won the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, Wednesday night.

Rebecca Miller had 19 points to lead all scorers Tuesday, and teammate Jillian Schultz had 16.

Chavon Haskins had 15 to lead Wayne (8-11).

TOLEDO, Ohio - The Kirtland Lady Firebirds' season came to a crashing end Wednesday night with their worst loss of the year, 82-38, to Schoolcraft in the second round of the Region XII Community College Tournament.

Kirtland, which advanced with a

56-48 win over Wayne County the night before, fell behind 34-17 at the half and it only got worse. Sophomore co-captain Hannah Miller led the Lady Firebirds with 12 points on four three-point baskets. She was the only Kirtland player in double figures.

Sophomore Brandi Bates, the other co-captain who had a triple-double against Wayne, had eight points and a team-high eight rebounds. Kirtland closes its season with a 12-17 record.

Schoolcraft, the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's regular-season and tournament champion, got 17 points from Kesya Hamilton.

Schoolcraft advanced with a 25-4 record.

ROSCOMMON - By just about any measurement, Kirtland's Lady Firebirds had a successful basketball season. Not only did they record the college's first two victories as the newest members of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, they also won the program's first post-season tournament game.

In the process, they doubled their victory total from last season, their inaugural campaign.

"I think our season was a huge success. I really do," coach Jimmy Parker said before celebrating with his team at Kirtland's annual athletic banquet Monday. "We were doing really well until league play, and that's when we started having some injuries that really took their toll."

Indeed, both sophomore co-captains sustained serious injuries. Forward Brandi Bates sustained a severely sprained ankle just seven seconds into the conference opener against Mott. Three games later, guard Hannah Miller went down with a wrist injury. Bates missed a month, though she never fully recovered. Miller missed eight games, and still had trouble handling the ball on her return. They didn't play together until the final conference game of the season, a rousing come-from-behind victory against archrival Alpena, in which Kirtland had only six players available.

"That probably cost us at least three wins, maybe a few more," Parker said. "That would have been a big difference."

The highlight of the season, besides beating Alpena twice, was finishing second in a six-team

Canadian tournament early in the season. It included a victory over Humber, the No. 1 seed.

"That showed the girls we could compete against anybody," Parker said. "It was a real boost for us, especially for the girls who were new to the program."

Indeed, freshmen were crucial to the Lady Firebirds' success this season.

In her sister's absence, Becca Miller took over the team's scoring duties and, with the help of a couple 30-point performances, finished the season leading the team in scoring with an average of nearly 14 points per game. She also led the nation in free-throw shooting, hitting 91 percent from the line.

Jillian Schultz, the team's 6-foot-3 center, made giant strides in her first collegiate season, and should be a force next year. Amy Jordan, the press-busting point guard, showed improvement in her court sense all season.

Also, first year players Kristy Hulbert, Arica Wolcott and Anna Umior logged plenty of minutes, and the group provides a strong nucleus for next season.

"I'm learning after the long season that this isn't high-school. You need more players at this level because of the long season and the injuries," he said. "I think the girls are, too. They're realizing that this is college ball. There's a lot of work to it."

And they worked hard on and off the court. The women's team had a combined grade-point average of 3.2.

Bates made the President's List with a perfect 4.0 average, and Becca Miller made the Dean's List with an average of better than 3.4.

Bates and Hannah Miller shared the team's most valuable player award. Hardy was awarded the plaque for intensity and commitment. All expect to continue their careers at four-year programs next season, on athletic scholarships.

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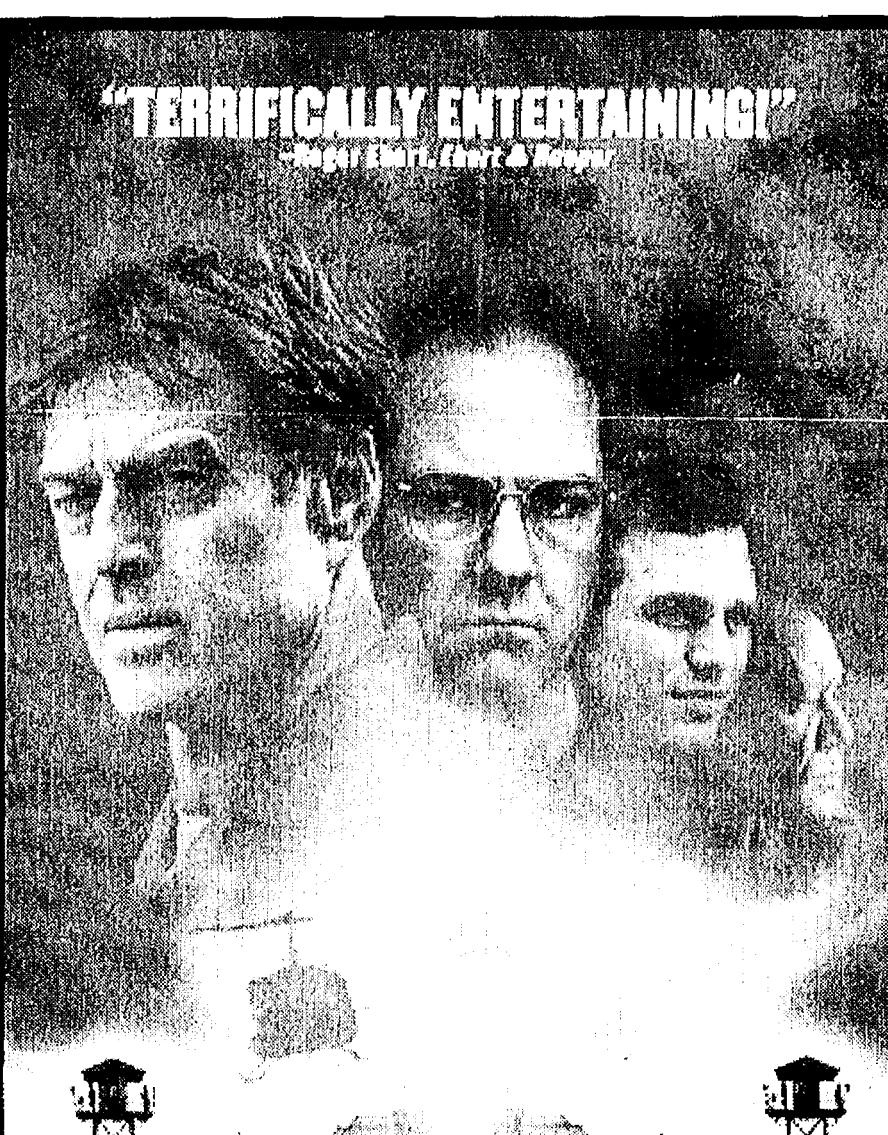
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OBITUARIES

Robert Perrin

March 7, 1927 - March 15, 2002

Robert J. Perrin, age 75, of Grayling and formerly of Hillsdale, passed away Friday, March 15, at his home. He was born March 7, 1927 in Toledo, Ohio to John and Clytie (Deck) Perrin.

Robert was the former owner and operator of Perrin's Outdoor Shop in Hillsdale. He was a graduate of Hillsdale High School in 1945 and attended Purdue University, a World War II army veteran, a member of the Hillsdale American Legion Post #53. Bob started the Hillsdale American Legion Baseball Team in 1974 and coached the team for over 10 years. He was a zone director for many years and was the State Director for Legion Baseball. He was a founding member of the Hillsdale Rifle Club in 1942, a founding member of the Hillsdale Conservation Club in 1947. Mr. Perrin was a Michigan Conservation Club District 3 director, and honored as a Veteran of the Year and was a former Tip-Up Mayor.

He was married to Ardis Perrin and she preceded him in death

June 6, 2001. Also preceding him in death was one sister, Evelyn Denning.

Surviving are two daughters, Cheryl (Steven) Paul of Hillsdale and Judy (Larry) Rice of Litchfield; a son, John (Laura) Perrin of Hillsdale; a special friend and companion, Kathleen Thornton of Grayling; six grandchildren, Geoff Paul, Christopher Rice, Andrea Paul, Tamara Garcia, Josh and Dustin Perrin; three great grandchildren, Brenden, Isabella, and Gillian; a brother-in-law, Ray Denning of Williamsburg.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, March 19, at Lakeview Cemetery in Hillsdale with Bambi Denning officiating and military rites by the Leir A. Wright Post #53, American Legion of Hillsdale. There was also a Celebration of Life to honor Mr. Perrin on Tuesday at the Conservation Club in Hillsdale.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the conservation Club or to Legion Baseball.

Arrangements by VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home, Hillsdale.



Scott P. Stade

Dec. 2, 1978 - March 14, 2002

Scott Patrick Stade, 23, of Grayling, died on Thursday, March 14 at his home. Scott was born on December 2, 1978 in Rochester to Darryl Stade and Dee Sluder.

Scott had been a resident of Grayling for the past 15 years having moved from Mt. Clemens and Pikeville, North Carolina. He was an over-the-road truck driver for VAI Express Inc. He loved driving his semi-truck.

He married the former Carrah Rutter on February 19, 2002 in Grayling.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kotash and Barbara Guindon and Rene Penny.

He is survived by his wife Carrah (Rutter) Stade; his father, Darryl (Susan) Stade of Goldsboro, North Carolina; mother Dee (Todd) Kotash of Grayling; one brother, Darryl Stade of Grayling; grandparents Ruth Jenkins of Troy, Van (Carmen) Sluder of Richmond, and Raymond (Marge) Stade of Dryden; two nieces: Mandy Marie Stade of Grayling and Alexis Makayla Stade of Raleigh, North Carolina. Also left behind: aunt Dorrie (Frank) Beste of Romeo, two uncles: Brad Stade of Goldsboro, North Carolina and Jeff Stade of Oscoda; numerous step-aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Saturday, March 16 with Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiating.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Carson E. Edgar

Nov. 8, 1914 - March 11, 2002

Carson E. Edgar 87, of Grayling, died on Monday, March 11. He was born on November 8, 1914 in Toledo, Ohio to Earl and Elsie (Nicklas) Edgar. He married Rea A. Welsh on August 31, 1940 in Covington, Kentucky.

Mr. Edgar worked as a factory worker for over 30 years, retiring in 1977 from Tecumseh Products. He moved to Grayling six years ago and was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, two brothers, one granddaughter, one grandson, and one great-grandson.

He is survived by his wife Rea, five children: Bonnie (Gene) Routson of Ruskin, Florida; Karson (Charlene) Edgar of Riga, Ethyl (George) Edgar of Toledo, Ohio; Rhea (Ron) Abbott of Roscommon; and Melvin (Nancy) Edgar of Morenci.

He also leaves behind two sisters: Blanche Hambrook of Avon Park, Florida and Elsie Beatrice Basinger of Alamogordo, New Mexico, 34 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren.

A burial service will be held at Zion Cemetery in Blissfield, Michigan.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

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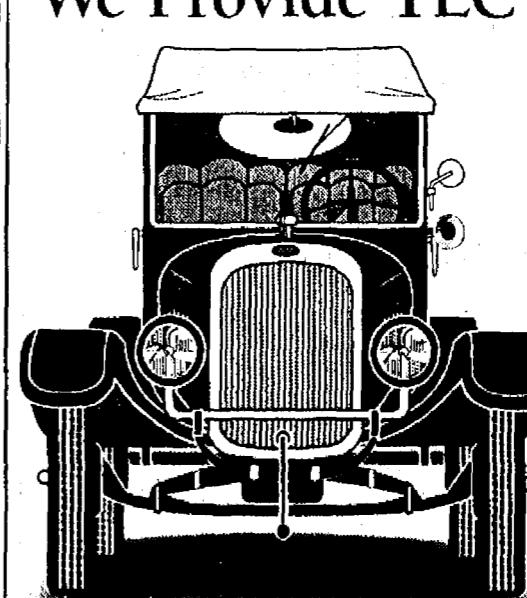
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OBITUARIES

Ruby E. Alma

March 28, 1919 - March 16, 2002

Ruby Emma (Weaver) Alma, 82 of Frederic, died Saturday, March 16 in her home. She was born on March 28, 1919 to Otis B. and Alice M. (Johnson) Weaver.

The former Ruby Weaver was married to Mr. Maurice F. Alma on April 27, 1937 in Standish and had lived all of her life in Frederic.

She was employed by Bear Archery for seven years. She was employed by AuSable Souvenir Works for about 15 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Frederic, and the Frederic Historical Society, which she served as president.

Through the 1950's Mrs. Alma was a Cub Scout pack den mother and was also a Sunday School teacher for most of her adult life.

She loved to play and listen to music, read the Bible, play board games like Dominoes and Aggravation. She loved to write and correspond with friends and family.

She cherished each member of her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, one daughter, Rose Mary Bradstreet, three sons: Maurice L., Mike L., and Charles Otis Alma, as an infant son; three sisters: Rose Mary Weaver as an infant, Delta Garver, and Elsie Miljure; two brothers: Richard L. Weaver and Raymond Weaver, one grandson, Brad Alma, and three great-grandsons: Alan and Alex Kohr as infant twins and Charles Olin as an infant.

She is survived by her husband Maurice F. Alma, one daughter: Alma S. Smith of Odessa, Texas, two sons: Alan D. Alma of Gaylord and Rex (Marilyn) Alma of Frederic; one sister, Alma Mitchell and two brothers: Pete (Mary) Weaver and Bob (Sally) Weaver, all of Frederic; 22 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 19 at the First Baptist Church of Frederic with Pastor Dale Hammond officiating. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Arrangement by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

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Wed. March 20 - Veal Birds/Italian Round Steak; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercise and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m.; RSVP cards

and crafts at 1 p.m. and at 5:30 the COA Board meets.

Thu. March 21 - Tuna & Noodles/Turkey & Dressing; BP's and sugars taken at 11 a.m. to noon; Bible Study at 11 a.m.

Fri. March 22 - Beef Stew/no dinner.

Mon. March 25 - Chopped Sirloin/Beef Roast.

Tue. March 26 - Ham Steak/Chicken ala King.

Wed. March 27 - Stuffed Peppers/Fish.

Above all this week remember: The reason people have accountants do their tax returns is that it saves them time - sometimes 15 to 20 years.

In Memory of ...

For my grandfather, the Angel We all talk about angels and heaven, but tonight I am only thinking of one. A man who was loved by many; and who loved many, in return. Joseph W. Robinson.

Joe left his beloved wife, children, and many grandchildren behind. Five years ago to this date, day, and time. Tuesday, March 12, at 12:15 a.m.

Joe is not only missed by his family, but by many friends as well. Joe had very few enemies. He was just one of those guys everyone loved, and wanted to be around. He didn't care who you were if you needed help, he was there to help, no matter the situation.

Not only did Joe love his family, but his fishing just as well. He was always out fishing no matter the weather, or if he had anyone to go

with.

Joe was a quiet and friendly man, with many loving details. If you were upset, he could always make you laugh no matter the problem. His smile was always so warm, and his laugh was oh so cheerful.

With Joe being gone, it is really hard. For we are no longer able to see his warm smile, or hear his cheerful laugh, but through pictures, thoughts, and our dreams, until the day we die. Which then we can smile, and laugh with Joe again in Heaven. But until that day, he will always be loved, and in our hearts everyday.

We all love and miss you dearly Joe, and we will never forget, for you are an Angel, looking down from Heaven, which is loved and will be forever.

Karen S. Poll
age 18

wisdom, and do what you would do, we want your legend to live on because we were always so proud of you.

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JACKIE BINDSCHATEL
Office Manager

1st Rnd.

March 14 or 15

2nd Rnd.

March 16 or 17

Regionals

1. Duke Grayling Big Boy Restaurant
16. Winthrop Sylvester's Sports/Wimpy's

1. Duke Grayling Big Boy Restaurant
8. Notre Dame Diane's Car Wash
9. Charlotte Larry & Joan's Place

5. Indiana Scheer Motors
12. Utah Don Nester Chevrolet
4. Southern California Redwood Steak House
13. UNC-Wilmington Jansen Agency

6. California Ole Dam Road Party Store
11. Penn. State Scott McNamara Ford
3. Pittsburgh Pioneer Hills Marine
14. Cent. Conn. State Dr. Denholm

13. UNC-Wilmington Jansen Agency
10. Kent St. Dean & Aubrey Optometrists

Semifinals

1. Maryland Century 21

Regionals

2nd Rnd.

March 16 or 17

1st Rnd.

March 14 or 15

2. Oklahoma Builders License Class
10. Kent St. Dean & Aubrey Optometrists

2. Alabama Super 8 Motel
15. Fla. Atlantic AuSable Construction

3. Pittsburgh Pioneer Hills Marine
10. Kent St. Dean & Aubrey Optometrists

6. California Ole Dam Road Party Store
11. Penn. State Scott McNamara Ford
3. Pittsburgh Pioneer Hills Marine
14. Cent. Conn. State Dr. Denholm

7. Oklahoma Builders License Class
10. Kent St. Dean & Aubrey Optometrists

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

4. Kentucky Rialto

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

5. Margarita Davis Jewelers
12. Tulsa McLean's Ace Hardware

2. Alabama Super 8 Motel
15. Fla. Atlantic AuSable Construction

1. Cincinnati Arby's
16. Boston U. Don Nester Chevrolet

8. UCLA Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

12. Missouri Century 21
4. Ohio State PC Computer

1. Cincinnati Arby's
16. Boston U. Don Nester Chevrolet

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

4. Kentucky Rialto

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

6. Texas Tech Riverland
11. Southern Illinois Grand Traverse Allergy

3. Arizona Heads Up North
14. UC Santa Barbara Charlie's Country Corner

1. Cincinnati Arby's
8. UCLA Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

12. Missouri Century 21
4. Ohio State PC Computer

1. Cincinnati Arby's
16. Boston U. Don Nester Chevrolet

8. UCLA Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

4. Kentucky Rialto

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

7. North Carolina State Tom Slaven, Re/Max of Grayling
10. Michigan State Fick & Sons

4. Ohio State PC Computer
13. Davidson Northern Cafe

1. Cincinnati Arby's
8. UCLA Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

12. Missouri Century 21
4. Ohio State PC Computer

1. Cincinnati Arby's
16. Boston U. Don Nester Chevrolet

8. UCLA Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

4. Kentucky Rialto

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

1. Kansas Northern Tails
16. Holy Cross AuSable Valley Homes

5. Miami Sunburst Marine
12. Missouri Century 21

4. Wyoming PC Computer

3. Arizona Heads Up North
14. UC Santa Barbara Charlie's Country Corner

1. Cincinnati Arby's
16. Boston U. Don Nester Chevrolet

8. UCLA Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

4. Kentucky Rialto

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

5. Florida Gary Boyd, Re/Max of Grayling
12. Creighton Scott McNamara Ford

6. Gonzaga Rockette's
4. Wyoming PC Computer

3. Arizona Heads Up North
14. UC Santa Barbara Charlie's Country Corner

3. Arizona Heads Up North
2. Oklahoma HART PONTIAC GMC Buick

1. Cincinnati Arby's
16. Boston U. Don Nester Chevrolet

8. UCLA Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

4. Kentucky Rialto

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

6. Texas Wendy's of Grayling
11. Boston Col. Sunburst Marine

7. Xavier Charles Scheer-Re/Max of Grayling
10. Hawaii Eric's Flea Market

2. Oklahoma HART PONTIAC GMC Buick
15. Ill.-Chicago Moore's Automotive

3. Arizona Heads Up North
2. Oklahoma HART PONTIAC GMC Buick

1. Cincinnati Arby's
16. Boston U. Don Nester Chevrolet

8. UCLA Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

4. Kentucky Rialto

1. Maryland Century 21
8. Wisconsin Goodale's

7. Wake Forest HART PONTIAC GMC Buick
10. Pepperdine Grayling Holiday Inn

8. Oklahoma HART PONTIAC GMC Buick
15. Ill.-Chicago Moore's Automotive

2. Oklahoma HART PONTIAC GMC Buick
15. Ill.-Chicago Moore's Automotive

3. Arizona Heads Up North
2. Oklahoma HART PONTIAC GMC Buick

1. Cincinnati Arby's
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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made

by Frances Riemke, a single woman and Timothy A. Freese, a single man, as joint tenants (original mortgagors) to J. Virgil, Inc., DBA Lending Factory, Mortgage Banker, Mortgagor, dated November 3, 2000, and recorded on December 4, 2000 in Liber 524, on Page 107, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagor to the EquiCredit Corporation of America, Assignee by an assignment dated November 7, 2000, which was recorded on October 9, 2001, in Liber 0555, on Page 399, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-NINE THOU-

SAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR AND 14/100 dollars (\$39,941.14), including interest at 13.770% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 3, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 305.6 feet West of the East 1/8 Post of the North 1/8 Line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan; thence Northeasterly along the Centerline of Old M-93, 143 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence Northwesterly 404.3 feet; thence Easterly 76.54 feet; thence Southeasterly 351.0 feet to the Centerline of Old M-93; thence Southwesterly along the Centerline to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 21, 2002

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File#200211703

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21-28-7-14-21

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 02-6413-DE

State of Rama L. Stimpson, date of birth November 23, 1918.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Rama L. Stimpson, who lived at 7412 Key Phye Trail, Grayling, Michigan died January 20, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Citizens Trust aka KeyBank, William J. Dunlap, VP named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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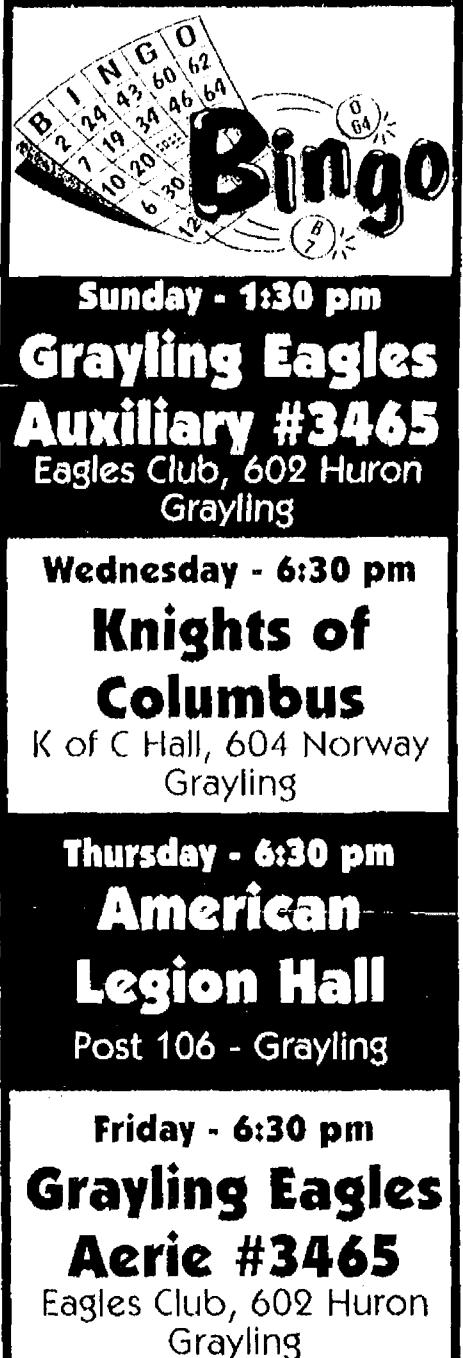
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21-28-7-14-21

Hartwick Pines State Park's Maple Syrup Day set for March 23

► Annual event to demonstrate the process of turning maple sap to syrup

Plan to spend the day at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., to enjoy learning about North America's oldest agricultural product, maple sugar! Visitors to the park will be able to:



walk into the sugarbush to help tap a maple tree,
observe the boil-down process which converts maple sap to maple syrup.

learn about the history of maple sugar making in North America,
view videos titled "Maple Sugar Farmer," "Maple Sugaring" & "The Maple Sugaring Story."

ask questions about backyard and commercial sugaring of special guest, Russell Kidd, MSU District Extension Forestry Agent, and purchase genuine maple sugar candy and syrup.

Special activities for children include helping to "build a tree," making a (paper) mokuk and playing a photosynthesis game. These activities instruct kids of all ages about how trees make their own food, what sap is and how trees are

made up of many layers beneath the outer protective bark.

A history lesson includes making a paper mokuk replica and discussion about how European settlers learned of the Native Americans' sugaring culture. A mokuk was a birch bark container in which native peoples transported maple sugar.

Visitors will be able to taste maple syrup and sap, smell the aroma around an outside evaporator pan and welcome spring at this educational and fun event. Maple recipes will be available for those wishing to savor the sweetness of the day.

The Logging Museum will also be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. this special day.

There is no fee for this event, but a Motor Vehicle Permit is required for park entry.

Other upcoming events at Hartwick Pines State Park

Woodshaving Days will be held on July 20-21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. The Woodshaving Days Festival is sponsored by the Friends of Hartwick Pines and features woodcarvers and other woodworking crafts, blacksmiths, coopering, timber framing, blacksmithing, rope-making, wool spinning, weaving, traditional 19th century music from a dulcimer band, and the operating of the park's historic sawmill.

ForestFest, a one-day festival, is scheduled for Saturday, August 10 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). This year's event, the 5th annual ForestFest, highlights the ecology and natural history of the forest. Activities include guided tours of area forests, within Hartwick Pines and the nearby area; exhibits and films about forests, wildlife habitat, and forestry practices; forest fire fighting demonstrations; and a visit from Smokey Bear. The Renaissance Foresters will present a musical concert in the campground on Friday, August 9, to help kick off ForestFest.

Black Iron Days will be held on August 24-25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. The event, sponsored by the Friends of Hartwick Pines, is considered to be the largest gathering of blacksmiths in Michigan. Along with the blacksmiths practicing their historic metalworking craft, the festival will feature 19th century traditional dulcimer music, and the operating sawmill.

For additional information and updates on these festivals, call the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at (989) 348-2537.



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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 25th day of February 2002 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Hayes, Wyman, Aviszus.

Members Absent: Banda, Moshier.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk, Joe Ferrigan, Caleb Casey, Tom Wellman, Carl Lehto, John Dobry, Gail Madson, Skip Madson, Bill Gannon, Rich Cook, Mary Ann

Ferrigan, Carolyn DiPonio, Dave Sabin. Public Hearing: None.

Carl Lehto presented to Council a report of 2002 Water and Sewer Rates for Michigan's Northern Lower and Eastern Upper Peninsulas. This is an informative report for Council to use when looking at water and sewer rates.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

a. Revenue/Expenditure Report for January 2002.

b. Housing Commission Minutes of December 11, 2001.

c. Health Enterprises of Michigan Inc.

d. Chamber of Commerce IDC Minutes of January 3, 2002.

e. Grayling Planning Commission Minutes of January 17, 2002.

02-38

Moved by Hayes, supported by Aviszus to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

02-39 Moved by Aviszus, supported by Hayes that the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2002 be approved as amended.

02-40 Moshier was now present.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Old Business.

a. Planning Commission. Joe Ferrigan explained to Council the rationale for the Planning Commission requesting Planning and Zoning Fees.

02-40 Moved by Hayes to adopt the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule as proposed by the Planning Commission with the following added: Fees can be waived by the City Council for good cause upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Mr. Wyman asked the planning commission members who were present about the Grayling Reel property that the city recently acquired for the Industrial Park being included in the Master Plan. There was agreement that the area was already sufficiently covered in the Master Plan.

b. Approve Budget Adoption Schedule.

04-41 Moved by Moshier, supported by Hayes to

adopt the Proposed Budget Schedule as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

c. Zoning Ordinance Changes. The changes were discussed and some need to go back to the Planning Commission for review. These will be brought back up at the March 25, 2002 meeting.

d. Income Tax Discussion. Discussion was held, will wait for further information before making a decision.

e. Staffing Levels. The City Manager sent a report to Council regarding the staffing.

f. Salt Storage Bids - We received 9 bids on a new salt storage building. Council felt the building should be tabled until we know the status of the location of the DPW Garage.

g. Mission Statement. Tabled for further information.

h. Trash Contract. Six companies are interested in bidding for this contract.

02-42 Moved by Moshier, supported by Hayes to advertise for bids for City of Grayling Trash Pick up without recycling. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

i. New Business. None.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Richard Cook spoke to Council about an accident he had on the corner of Norway and M-72. Visibility is bad and it is very congested. Could something be done.

Ms. Aviszus will contact MDOT to do a traffic survey and check on this corner. He also

asked if the City had a contract with Bulldog Towing. The City has no contract.

b. Mr. Madsen believes the City Income Tax Ordinance should be brought before the voters to expand the use instead of cutting the rate.

c. Mary Ann Ferrigan asked if income tax monies are used for maintenance of sidewalks. That fund can only be used for construction.

d. Joe Ferrigan asked about a sidewalk ordinance for keeping sidewalks clear.

Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee

a. Parks Committee Report. Ms. Madsen would like to look into a Parks Memorial Fund to be used for equipment, landscaping, maintenance etc. It would include a plaque with names of donors, some sort of way to memorialize. Could they use the city's 501C3 status. Mr. Sabin suggested contacting the MML for help. The Committee is also working on park rules, the playground equipment needs to be fixed or removed from the park, and the old fence needs to be maintained. The City Manager will look at the park equipment and give a report to the Parks Committee. The Parks Committee is having a special meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2002 to discuss the Master Plan and planting of trees.

Reports from Manager & Council Members.

City Manager Reports

a. The Manager had a meeting with Grayling Township Supervisor regarding the Grayling City/Township Fire Department contract.

Discussion was held with the following motion to be presented to Grayling Township.

Moved by Hayes, supported by Moshier for the following formula:

City 35% for 2002-2004, Grayling Twp 65% for 2002-2004

City 30% for 2004-2006, Grayling Twp 70% for 2004-2006

City 25% for 2006-2008, Grayling Twp 75% for 2006-2008

This covers cost of expenses and capital improvements and will be reviewed every two years.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

b. The 1988 Dodge Dakota Pick-up was sold for \$1,050.00 and the 1993 Chevrolet Caprice was sold for \$850.00

c. Update on the Firewise Communities Grant obtained by Chief Brooks.

d. Update on the old City Hall building. We should have a proposal to consider in two weeks.

e. Grant approval for plans for industrial park. MEDC has approved our \$15,000 grant request. The paperwork is forthcoming.

f. Re-sign at the Crime Lab. We received an unsolicited proposal from Heller Signs for replacement of the sign on the business loop.

g. Well Head Protection Plan. The Manager has been in contact with NEMCOG regarding a grant application.

h. Assessors Contract update. The Council asked the Manager to pursue a one year extension of the current contract.

Council Member Reports

a. Mr. Moshier brought up the possibility of a skateboard park in the city. This should be addressed by the Parks Committee and then brought to Council.

b. Mr. Wyman would like a motion to extend the meeting.

02-44

Moved by Hayes, supported by Aviszus to extend the council meeting past 9:30 PM. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

02-45 Moved by Moshier, supported by Hayes to go into Closed Session at 9:20 PM, for pending litigation. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hayes, Moshier, Wyman, Aviszus, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: Banda, motion carried.

02-46 Moved by Moshier, supported by Hayes to adjourn Closed Session at 9:44 PM. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Moshier, Wyman, Aviszus, Hayes, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: Banda, motion carried.

02-47 Moved by Hayes, supported by Moshier that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (989) 345-5470, ext. 4.

Dated: February 25, 2002
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgagee
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

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0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Kay Ellen King

City Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by CHAD E. VENTLINE and NAOMI VENTLINE, husband and wife, whose address is 354 Red-Tailed Hawk Loop, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgage, dated May 12, 1994, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on May 13, 1994, in Liber 377 of Crawford County Records on Pages 402 through 405, inclusive, the Borrowers on said date having assumed by virtue of a written Assumption Agreement a prior Mortgage obligation from Doris J. Due to Rural Development, dated September 22, 1989 and recorded September 22, 1989, in Liber 302 of Crawford County Records on Pages 200 through 203, inclusive, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 04/100 (\$62,914.04) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative:

Now Therefore, Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday April 10, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 6.5 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes, and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale, which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot 21, RED WING TERRACE, Township of GRAYLING, according to the plan thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known as 354 Red-Tailed Hawk Loop, Grayling, Michigan, 49738; Tax No. 040-45-770-00-021-00.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (989) 345-5470, ext. 4.

Dated: February 25, 2002

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

Frederic Township is looking for volunteers interested in being on the Park Committee. A letter of interest should be submitted by noon, April 8, 2002 and attendance at the Board Meeting of April 9, 2002 is expected.

Mailing Address: Frederic Township

P.O. Box 78

Frederic, MI 49733

Nancy L. Bindschadel, Clerk

-21-28

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 28, 2002 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as Bituminous Base Crushing.

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

-21-28

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on March 26, 2002, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W. M-72 Hwy), Grayling.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

CASE 2002-01: State of Michigan, Property owner
P.O. Box 30028
Lansing, MI 48909

Mark & Deanne Swiercz, agent, prospective purchaser
1379 McMasters Bridge Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Code: 20-040-44-032-13-020-00

Location: T27N, R3W, Section 32: That part of the SE 1/4 lying Ely of the E line of Highway I-75 right-of-way. (140.0 acres). North of Pinecrest Rd. and East of Wilcox Bridge Rd.

A request to re-zone from Deferred Development (D-D) to Single Family Residential (R-1 & R-2), General Commercial (C-1) and Light Commercial (C-2) for the purpose of establishing a residential development and small commercial development.

Case files, zoning ordinance and map may be examined at the Grayling Township Hall during normal business hours. Correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone: 989-348-4361 or FAX 989-348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 11, 2002, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

Aggregates - F.O.B. Suppliers Pit
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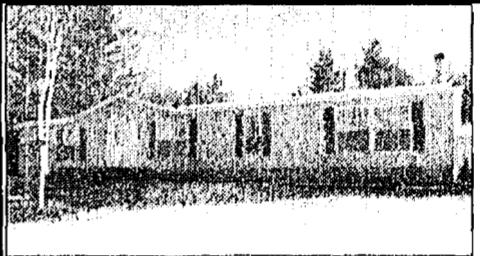
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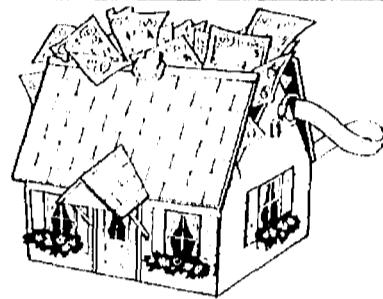
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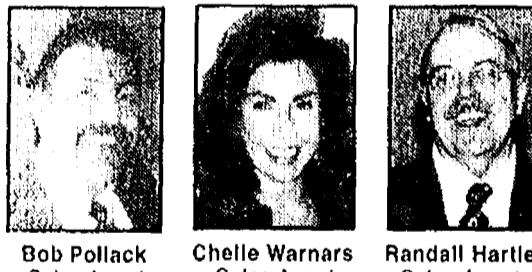
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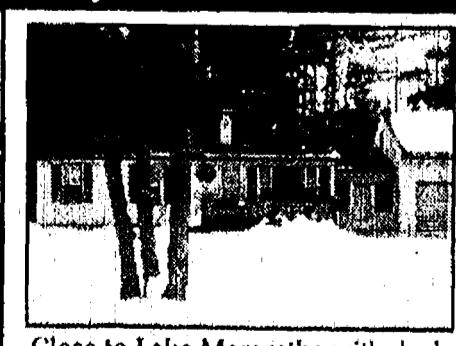
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Four popular products recalled as a precaution

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued safety recalls on four products which may be in use by many people in Crawford County and elsewhere. The recalls concern certain computer printer power cords, riding lawn mowers, humidifiers and fondue sets. All four manufacturers are in full cooperation with the CPSC.

Hunter Fan Company of Memphis, TN, is voluntarily recalling about 100,000 humidifiers. Motors in these humidifiers can overheat, posing a fire hazard. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled humidifiers have the following model numbers and date codes (five digit number; first three numbers indicate the day of the year

manufacturer, the last numbers represent the year of manufacture), which can be found on a label located on the back of the motor/switch housing: 32500 CareFree - five gallon; 33300 CareFree Plus - three gallon; 33330 CareFree Plus - 3.3 gallon; and 33350 CareFree Plus - 3.5 gallon; date codes 15200 through 36500; 00101 through 36501; or 00102 through 06002.

Discount, hardware and lighting stores; wholesale clubs; home centers; catalogs; and various online stores sold these tabletop-style humidifiers nationwide from August 2000 through February 2002 for between \$50 and \$120.

Consumers should stop using these humidifiers and unplug them imme-

dately. Call Hunter Fan Co. at (800) 207-5982 anytime to arrange for a free repair or replacement. For more information, log on to www.hunterfan.com.

Longwell Electronics, of Brea, CA, is voluntarily recalling about 2.5 million power cord sets sold with inkjet printers from Hewlett-Packard Company. The connector can break, exposing electrical contacts and posing a shock hazard to consumers. No injuries or incidents have been reported.

The gray, two-wire power cord sets with an LS-7C connector were sold with the following HP printers: HP Deskjet 800 series and 900 series, HP Photosmart 1000 series, 1200 series and 1300 series inkjet printers. The name "Longwell" is molded on the plug between the prongs.

Department, computer, office and electronic stores including Best Buy, CompUSA, Costco, Office Depot, Office Max, Staples and Wal-Mart stores sold the printers with the Longwell cord sets nationwide between April 2001 and February 2002 for between \$100 and \$400.

Consumers should stop using these printers immediately and contact HP for a free replacement cord. For more information, consumers can contact HP at (877) 917-4378 anytime or visit the HP web site at www.hp.com.

Murray Inc., of Brentwood, TN, is voluntarily recalling about 89,500 rear-engine riding lawn mowers and about 6,200 mid-engine riding mowers. The fuel tank can crack and leak fuel, posing a burn or fire hazard.

Murray has received 950 reports of fuel tanks leaking. These leaks resulted in six reports of fires including one report of minor burns.

The recalled rear-engine riding mowers have 30-inch cutting decks, were sold under the names Murray, Murray Select, Craftsman and Wizard brand names. The brand name is printed on the front or side of the mowers. Model numbers can be found under the seat or on a nameplate on the rear of the mower.

Models included in this recall include: 30560, 30560x5, 30560x60, 30560x99, 30565, 30575x7, 30575x8, 30575x31, 30577x7, 30577x8, 30577x31, 502.251250, 502.256210, 502.256220, 502.270210, 502.270211, 536.270212, MOM6115A59, MOM6115A89.

Department and hardware stores, including Sears, Western Auto and Home Depot, sold the riding mowers nationwide from January 1995 and January 2002 for between \$700 and \$1,200.

The recalled mid-engine riding mowers also have 30-inch cutting decks. The brand names "Murray" and "Yard King" are printed on the front. A nameplate under the seat displays the model number. Models involved in this recall are 309005X10, 309304X8 and 309306X89.

Department and hardware stores including Home Depot and Western Auto, sold the mid-engine mowers nationwide from February 21 through January 2002 for between \$800 and \$950.

Consumers should stop using these riding mowers immediately and contact their nearest Murray Service Dealer for a free replacement fuel tank. For more information, contact Murray, toll-free, at (800) 246-5896 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday or log on to www.murray.com. Consumers with Craftsman rear-engine mowers should contact Sears, toll-free, at (800) 459-7026 anytime.

Trudeau Corp., of Woodbridge, IL, is voluntarily recalling about 20,000 fondue sets. The plastic ring with handles attached to the upper rim of the fondue pot can crack during normal heating or cooling, posing burn and fire hazards.

The recalled fondue pots are blue or white metal and have a black plastic ring that is attached to the upper rim of the fondue pot. The plastic ring includes two handles that allow for the safe usage of the fondue pot. The fondue pot sits on a black, four-legged stand, which houses the burner. The fondue sets were sold under the brand names "Distinction by Trudeau" and "Trudeau Fondue Set."

Retail stores nationwide, including Target, sold the fondue sets from October 2001 through January 2002 for between \$20 and \$40.

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